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Clinton: Xavier divided

KATIE SUMMERS
News Writer

Cincinnati may be a long way from the hustle and bustle of the nation's capital, but Xavier's students and faculty have not cast a blind eye toward the presidential impeachment trial.

In 1996 William Jefferson Clinton was an honored guest and speaker at the university, two years before the lies and scandal of the Monica Lewinsky affair came to light. "I've been following the entire matter on the news and in the paper," said senior Wendy Somer. "I remember seeing Clinton when he came to Xavier. It's frightening how quickly this thing blew up."

Particularly vocal about the presidential impeachment trial are the faculty members in the political science and history departments.

"The whole process is a travesty," said Dr. Alexandra Korros. "You remove a president because he has impaired the Constitution and the government through a direct action. You can punish him in the criminal courts, but don't overturn the results of a national election."

Other members of the faculty are not so quick to agree. "The president has not maintained the integrity of the office," said Dr. David Trunnell. "I am in favor of honest and ethical behavior; lying does not fit into that category."

Though many members of the community have opinions on whether or not the president should remain in office, some believe that a removal is highly unlikely. In order for the president to be forced out of office, a two-thirds Senate majority vote is necessary. With the majority of senators expressing their intentions to vote alongside their party on the issue, a deadlock seems inevitable.

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Bill Clinton

Record enrollment expected XU looks for ways to meet housing demand

BY SARAH KELLEY
Campus News Editor

Next year's freshman class is on pace to be a record size, which would produce the largest undergraduate student enrollment ever. Although not all of these students will live on campus, enough are expected to choose to reside in the dorms to make housing an issue.

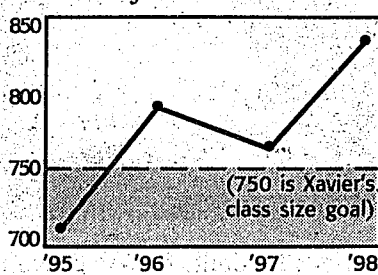
Last year's freshman class numbered 840, 13 percent above the ideal class size of 750. Seven hundred freshmen chose to live on campus.

"This year's numbers are now comparable to the last two years for the incoming class. Our plan is to have 750 freshmen enrolled next year," said Interim Director of Admission Dr. Dave Flaspohler. "We intend to do all we can to keep at this target number."

According to the Office of Residence Life, 83 percent of next year's freshmen — approximately 615 students — will require on-campus housing.

"We will work closely with Residence Life to ensure there is enough housing," Flaspohler said.

A growing trend Xavier's freshman class size



In addition to the large number of incoming freshmen requiring housing, the majority of current first year students — around 80 percent — will require housing next year.

"I anticipate being able to meet these demands," said Director of Residence Life Ava Jean Fiebig. "We have come up with several ways to accommodate all of the students requiring housing."

One of the ways in which Xavier has provided more on-campus housing for students is by converting some of the University Apartments into three-person apartments that will be similar to living in the

dorms. These apartments have a kitchen and more living space compared to regular dorm rooms, which will be an advantage for student occupants.

These apartments will also be a substance-free living environment, meaning the consumption of alcohol and the use of tobacco products will be prohibited.

Marsha Wenclick, associate apartment manager of the building, will be a staff supervisor for the students residing in the apartments. She will be in charge of special programming for students on the weekends.

The majority of on-campus residents are freshmen and sophomores, however, some upperclassmen also choose to remain living on campus. Approximately 330 juniors and seniors reside in on-campus apartments.

Last year, there was a waiting list of 20 upperclassmen in need of on-campus housing. The goal for next year is to eliminate a waiting list altogether.

The Office of Residence Life is considering leasing a small apart-

ment building on Cleneay Avenue next year, another step to remedy the housing issue. These apartments would be available to juniors and seniors through Xavier.

"We are trying hard to accommodate everyone," said Fiebig. "Rumors that there will be no housing for students just aren't true."

For those students who wish to live off-campus next year, there are many houses and apartments near Xavier available to rent.

"Students normally begin calling to look at houses around October," said Dave Dannenberg, owner of several rental properties acquired by Xavier students each year. "Students start looking so early in order to get the better houses."

There are usually numerous flyers posted on campus throughout the year advertising houses and apartments for rent. A list of rentals can also be obtained from Commuter Services.

"I found the house I live in now by word of mouth," said junior Kelly Thorne. "I knew the people who lived here last year and talked to the landlord through them."

Salesian Guild meets on campus

BY CHAD ENGELLAND
Editor-in-Chief, Publisher

This Saturday more than 100 people involved in area Catholic communications will gather at Xavier to listen to Rev. Avery Dulles, S.J., a theology professor at Fordham University.

Dulles is often referred to as "the dean of American Catholic theologians." At the event, he will be speaking on "Catholics in the World of Mass Media."

Historian and television commentator on WKRC Channel 12 Dan Hurley will be honored as the 1999 Distinguished Catholic Communicator of the Year. Hurley is also a former employee of Xavier's Office of Development.

As host of WKRC-TV's newsmakers and as a consultant to the National Underground Railroad Freedom Center, Hurley brings Cincinnati's past and present to area residents via television, radio and written word.

From a radio documentary on Ruth Lyons to a television series

The details

- When: Saturday, 4:30 p.m.
- What: Dinner and lecture at annual meeting of Archdiocesan communication professionals
- Cost: \$20, which includes dinner and an open bar

on Cincinnati and the Civil War, Hurley's work makes local history and current events both entertaining and educational.

The annual meeting of the Salesian Guild, an association of Catholic communication professionals within the archdiocese of Cincinnati, will also feature Mass and dinner.

The event begins with Mass at 4:30 p.m. in Bellarmine Chapel, followed by a reception in the University Center at 5:30 p.m.

Dinner will begin at 6:30 p.m. followed by the lecture at 7:30 p.m.

All Xavier faculty, staff and students are invited to attend. Contact Rev. Matthew Gamber, S.J., this year's chair, for more information.

XU BOOK SIGNING



NEWSWIRE PHOTO BY ERIN MOONEY

Irene Hodgson, professor of modern languages, signed and discussed her book *Flight from Chile — Voices of Exile* Jan. 18 at Joseph-Beth Booksellers in Rookwood Pavilion. Hodgson translated the testimonies of the torture, executions and mass arrests of Chileans under the dictatorship of General Pinochet.

For more than 15 years, some 200,000 Chileans sought exile in more than 140 countries. Once civilian rule emerged in 1989, many returning Chileans felt estranged from a country forever changed.

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Salesian award

Historian and television commentator Dan Hurley will be honored Saturday, Jan. 23, at Xavier as the 1999 Distinguished Catholic Communicator of the Year by the Salesian Guild, an association of Catholic communication professionals in Cincinnati. Rev. Avery Dulles, S.J., will speak at the event which begins with Mass at 4:30 p.m. in Bellarmine Chapel followed by a reception. Tickets are \$20. For more information call Rev. Matthew Gamber, S.J., at 745-3240.

Quitting smoking

The Xavier Wellness Team and the Health and Counseling Center are sponsoring the American Cancer Society's Fresh Start Smoking Cessation Program. It is open to all students, faculty and staff. Dates and locations: Jan. 26 and 28 in the Regis Room of the University Center and Feb. 2 and 4 in the Kentucky/Indiana Room. For more information, contact the Health and Counseling Center at 745-3022.

Senior Week

There will be a forum Thursday at 9:30 p.m., in Kelley Auditorium, to hear senior's input concerning Senior Week.

Scholarship offers

►Applications are now being accepted for the Benjamin D. Urmston Family Peace Studies tuition remission scholarship offered to Peace Studies minors, worth up to \$4,000. Applications should be turned in to the Dorothy Day House by Feb. 1.
►The Air & Waste Management Association is offering scholarships to students who will be seniors in 1999-00 and who are interested in pursuing a career in an environmental field. Applicants must be enrolled full time and have a cumulative grade point average of 3.0. Applications are available in the Office of Financial Aid and are due Feb. 26.
►The American Chemical Society sponsors scholarship programs for students enrolled in four year bachelor degree programs who want to enter the field of chemistry. Applicants must have financial need, be U.S. citizens, and must be African American, Hispanic or American Indian. Applications are available from the American Chemical Society Web Site at www.acs.org and are due Feb. 15.
►American Mensa's annual scholarship essay contest is open to students who will be enrolled in college during the 1999-00 academic year. Awards, which range from \$200 to \$1,000, will be awarded on the basis of essays of 550 or fewer words which state the applicant's career, vocational and academic goals. Applications are available in the Office of Financial Aid and are due Jan. 31.

Students speak out on abortion

BY JAMIE CURRAN

News Writer

The unveiling of Xavier's new statue "Dance of Tears" has provoked several discussions about a much debated issue — abortion. Members of Xavier's pro-life organization, Students for Life, are voicing their opinion on the issue by participating in the March for Life in Washington, D.C., this Friday.

Students for Life brings informed speakers to campus and provides students with information about alternatives to abortion. The group also participates in organized service projects at pregnancy crisis centers.

In addition to protesting abortion, Students for Life is also concerned with the elimination of euthanasia and capital punishment.

"People just don't dialogue concerning these issues," said senior Tony Stieritz, president of Students for Life. "Another goal of ours is to seek a forum and encourage that dialogue."

Students for Life will make their third annual trek to Washington, D.C., to take part in the March for Life.

Twenty-three Xavier students, as well as pro-life students from the University of Cincinnati and the College of Mount St. Joseph, leave Thursday night to take part in the rally.

The students will also meet with Congressman Steve Chabot to dis-



NEWSWIRE PHOTO BY AMY ZYWICKI

Xavier's Students for Life group in front of the Washington Monument before last year's march.

cuss abortion, as well as other life issues.

"Life is being degraded at all stages, [from abortion] to euthanasia," said Cathy Lampe, treasurer of Students for Life. "We are making this trip to stand up for life because someone has to."

The students will also participate in a peaceful protest outside Planned Parenthood on Saturday, said Lampe.

"The March for Life is a very positive experience," said senior Kim Burnside, who participated in

the event last year. "It was incredible to see such a large number of people standing up for something so important."

The other side of the abortion debate is not as boldly represented at Xavier. The lack of a designated forum for pro-choice men and women is causing some students to voice concern.

"I am pro-choice," said sophomore Rita Rhodes. "Everyone's decision is personal, but there should be a pro-choice group on campus to balance it out."

According to the Student Services office, the fact that Xavier is without a pro-choice organization simply implies a lack of student initiation. Students are free to create any organization, providing they have a sponsor.

"It's great that these students feel strongly enough to go to Washington, D.C., to voice their opinions," said junior John Whitaker. "Unfortunately, Xavier does not have enough voices represented, including that of pro-choice students."

Xavier's summer service program

BY LORAIN CROUCH

News Features Editor

Applications are now being accepted for the Xavier University/United Way & Community Chest Summer Service Internships. Twenty-four students will be selected to remain on campus for 11 weeks over the summer and serve the Cincinnati community.

The internship, which is entering its sixth year, is devoted to developing "people for others" from promising Xavier students dedicated to service.

The chosen interns will work 35 hours per week at a service agency, in addition to attending weekly reflection and training sessions. In return, students will receive a \$2,500 stipend plus room and board on campus throughout their internship.

The program, funded in part by private donations, is designed to foster a sense of community among interns as they learn from their own service experience and the experiences of others. Weekly reflection sessions also offer students a support system as they face challenges and new situations in their service agency.

Twenty-two agencies participated in the summer program in 1998, including AIDS Volunteers of Cincinnati (AVOC), Drake Center, Stepping Stones Center and Cincinnati Association for the Blind.

The goal is to build a community of service interns on campus who can share what they have learned to address issues and continue making service a part of their lives.

"I learned a lot about children

with disabilities," said junior Kristie Marcelle. "They had a lot more to offer me than I had to offer them. They had a lot of love and a lot to teach me."

Marcelle spent last summer at the St. Joseph Home for severely disabled children. "It's one of those things you have to experience for yourself," she said. "These children are like angels from heaven."

Senior Natasha Collins also enjoyed working with children at the Village Schools. Her internship challenged her to face problems within the school as well.

"It was interesting to deal with problems that arose when people making decisions were removed from the actual program," Collins said.

The steering committee selects students for the service internship

based on leadership potential, the desire and motivation to commit to service and academic record.

Students selected as interns will have a chance to review internship and site descriptions from participating agencies. Students will then rank their top choices and be placed with one of their preferred sites if possible.

An orientation will be held in the spring to provide interns with an opportunity to meet with agency representatives, attend an administrative meeting and visit the agency where they will be working.

Applications can be picked up from the Career Services Center, the information desk or the CSC web site: www.xu.edu/studev/career/student/unitedway.html. Applications are due to Career Services by Feb. 11 at 5 p.m.

Police Notes

Friday, Jan. 15, 1:20

a.m.— A male student reported he had been assaulted by a female student in front of the steps leading into Kuhlman. The female student was cited for underage consumption of alcohol. No one was injured.

Friday, Jan. 15, 3:05

a.m.— Campus police received a report of a full-sized black truck driving recklessly through the Xavier Village. Damage to

the hillside was discovered where the truck had driven onto the grass.

Sunday, Jan. 17, 3:01 a.m.—

An R.A. in Brockman reported that a person had tampered with one of the fire extinguishers in the dorm. The person sprayed the extinguisher throughout the lobby, leaving a residue on the floor and furniture.

Wednesday, Jan. 13, 11:30

a.m.— A commuter student reported that two brand new textbooks were stolen when she left them momentarily unattended in the Downunder.

Friday, Jan. 17, 1:22 a.m.—

Campus police responded to several reports of a loud and disorderly party at 1015 Dana Ave. Cincinnati police also received complaints and arrived at the scene. Police broke up two separate parties that were taking place within the building.

Saturday, Jan. 18, 2:30 a.m.—

Campus police received several complaints from residents on Regent Avenue in Norwood concerning a Xavier party. Norwood police were dispatched to the scene where they broke up a party in the 3700 block of Regent.

Police Note of the Week

Friday, Jan. 15, 11:50

p.m.— A student was arrested for assault after striking a part-time employee in the head with a frozen snowball. The employee was driving down University Drive when the incident occurred.

Job market good for grads

BY DIANA KUNDE

Knight-Ridder Newspapers

Don't shed any tears for the 1999 crop of college and MBA graduates.

Even though recruiting probably won't match the frenzied pitch of last spring, the job market for new grads appears strong despite a slowing economy.

"This year, students may be coming up with three offers instead of four or five, but I still think it's going to be a very strong market," said Steve Pollock, co-founder of Wet Feet Press, a San Francisco publisher of guides for collegiate job seekers.

The annual fall recruiting survey by the National Association of Colleges and Employers shows a 10 percent increase in hiring projections overall. That's only half the 19 percent increase in demand between spring '97 and '98, but healthy nonetheless. Hiring projections for West Coast electronics manufacturers are way down, and most regions are reporting smaller increases in demand than last year. Still, starting salaries are expected to increase by a 4.8 percent average.

"Last year was so phenomenal. You're just not going to keep seeing that," said Camille Luckenbaugh, employment information manager for the association.

Undergraduate and graduate computer-related majors remain in

hot demand. Some college career offices also report more interest in undergraduate finance, business and accounting majors. Among top MBA grads, continued growth in consulting will help offset an expected decline from investment banking, said Karen Dowd, recruiting specialist with human resource consultant Brecker & Merryman in New York.

One big change: Recruiters are appearing on campus earlier, extending offers sooner in the senior year and pressing students to accept early in some cases by offering larger signing bonuses to those who make up their minds in the fall.

"If you want to get to the best students, you have to get there early," said Jerry Villella, an alumnus of Southern Methodist University's Edwin L. Cox School of Business who helps recruit on the campus for J.P. Morgan's Dallas regional office.

"We've moved up our interview dates by an entire month. We were there in October. Some feel even that's too late," Mr. Villella said.

At Nortel Networks, the Canada-based telecommunications firm, "a lot of recruiting we typically would be doing in the spring of '99 has already been done in the fall of '98," said senior recruiter Kurt Hall. "In an ideal world, we'd like to fill all our positions for '99 by (winter) holiday break."

While most recruiters say they're

rushing to campus to beat or match the competition, internships have also stepped up the courting process. More students are seeking and getting meaningful work experience earlier in their undergraduate or MBA studies. That, in turn, leads to earlier job offers.

Take Mark Mynhier, a second-year MBA student at SMU's Cox School. Mr. Mynhier got a job offer in the last week of his summer internship with Pittiglio Rabin Todd & McGrath, a management consulting firm specializing in high-technology.

For Mr. Mynhier, the decision was a no-brainer.

"Considering that my summer was an exceptional experience, and the fit was uncanny," an extra bonus for the early decision was "just the icing on the cake," he said.

Mark Castiglione, another Cox MBA student, also accepted a job from his summer internship with Houston-based Enron Corp.

"They set a benchmark," he said. "I thought it was a great opportunity for me, and I was able to cull out a lot of companies that I might otherwise have interviewed."

Was he a little worried about the economy? Sure, Mr. Castiglione said. "Some of the investment banks in New York are laying off pretty heavily. That was another factor to consider, that the opportunities are probably going to be smaller."

GI bill would pay full tuition, book costs

WASHINGTON (CPX)—A congressional commission is proposing a new GI Bill that would pay full tuition and all book costs at any college for four years if the recipient agrees to spend the same amount of time serving in the military.

The Commission said the new plan would replace the existing program, which covers only 36 months of educational costs — capped at \$528 a month — for military personnel who have served three years on active duty.

Service members must pay \$1,200 to take advantage of the current system, but under the new plan they wouldn't have to pay any initial fees.

In addition to full tuition and books, recipients also would get a monthly stipend of \$400.

An estimated 70 percent of all active personnel meeting the new proposal's requirements would take advantage of it, compared with the 33.7 percent who participate in the existing program, a spokesman for the commission said.

Impeachment: XU speaks

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"While the Senate has tried to operate on a bipartisan or nonpartisan basis, it is obvious that it is divided along party lines," said Dr. Timothy White of the political science department.

"Republicans appear more eager to have live witnesses and to vote for the removal of the president while Democrats are reluctant to call witnesses and are unlikely to vote for removal. Unless new evidence emerges or live witnesses change the minds of several Democratic senators, there is very little chance the President will be impeached," he said.

Also on the minds of faculty and students is the effect that the im-

peachment process and the events surrounding it will have on future generations. "President Clinton has, to some extent, betrayed the faith of the American people," said junior Dave Hoinski. "He sets a dangerous precedent, telling future presidents that it's OK to lie under oath and to the American people."

Though Clinton may succeed in avoiding removal from office, it is likely upcoming candidates for the presidency may be met with a politically disillusioned voting population.

Rev. James McCann, S.J., said, "The partisanship of the impeachment process has created a profound cynicism that may result in even lower voter turnout."

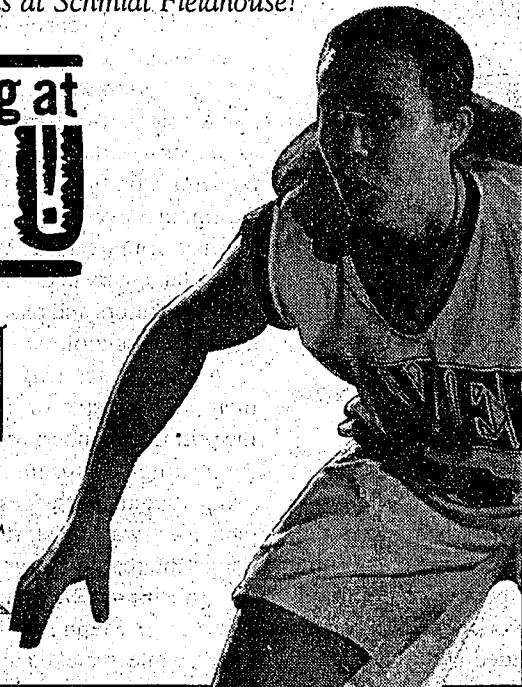
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Prof. musters typing time machines

KELLY CICHY

Feature Writer

Philosophy professor Dr. Richard Polt has something in his office few people understand.

"Some people come in and scratch their heads, and they think I'm crazy," said Polt.

The display in his office showcases a small portion of a growing collection of typewriters, relics from the pre-computer era.

Polt's collection officially began when he received his first typewriter from his father at age 12, which he later used to get through graduate school. But Polt began collecting typewriters seriously five years ago, two years after he began teaching at Xavier.

"I always liked the look of this one," Polt said of his first typewriter. "What hooked me was finding information about the really old ones."

Now, several years later, his collection includes 60 typewriters, with the oldest one dating back to the 1880s.

His collection varies in age, but Polt said, "The best time period is the 1890s because there were hundreds of competing manufacturers, all with different designs."

In order to avoid infringing on each other's patents, the designers of that time had to be very inventive. The finished product sometimes bore little resemblance to a typical typing machine.

"I have one called a Lambert with a circular keyboard from about 1900," said Polt. "When you type, the paper gets rolled up in a tube."

Polt's collection also includes a number of understroke typewriters, where the type comes from the bot-



Philosophy professor Dr. Richard Polt has a collection and elaborate web page devoted to typewriters. One of his unique models has a circular keyboard that rolls paper into a tube as you type. Polt's hobby and Classic Typewriter Page has earned him recognition in *Newsweek* and *The New York Times*. The page averages 200 hits per week.

tom of the carriage, which means typists are unable to see what they are typing. He also owns Caligraph typewriters, which are unique in that they have a double keyboard separating the lower and upper case letters.

Polt still uses some of his typewriters for letters, but he admits he does not know how to type on some of the more unique models.

Polt keeps in contact with other collectors through an e-mail list he began. Buying and selling rare and interesting finds as well as searching for parts and maintenance tips are among the topics collectors discuss. So far, Polt knows of no other

collector in Cincinnati.

Polt's web page, dedicated to typewriters and the practice of collecting, caught the attention of *Newsweek* and *The New York Times*. Both publications featured articles on various aspects of the low-tech appeal of typewriters and Polt's elaborate Web page.

On Polt's Classic Typewriter Page, visitors can find anything from the history of typewriters, vivid illustrations of unusual machines, classified advertisements and links to other Web sites pertaining to typewriters.

"It's of interest to anyone who is curious about typewriters," said

Polt, whose page averages 200 hits a week.

In addition to acquiring typewriters via the Internet, Polt also searches for additions to his collection when he travels. "When I'm traveling to other places, I always make sure to check out the antique shops," he said. Although his collection primarily consists of American typewriters, he has found some foreign models.

"I don't think I've ever bought one outside of the United States, but I have found foreign ones in America," he said.

Like all collectors, Polt has experienced the sense of loss that

comes from passing up a collector's item. During a trip to Texas, Polt spotted a big, old rusty typewriter sitting by a dumpster.

"I thought 'That's very ugly, I don't want that.' I later found out it was worth \$1,000," he said.

Still, despite the disappointment of passing up a valuable typewriter, Polt does not view it as a financial loss.

"I don't see them (typewriters) as an investment," he said, "I just like them. There are some I would consider trading, but there are some I'm really fond of."

Although most of the collection is stored in the basement of his home, some pieces are on display in his office in Hinkle Hall.

"Storing them is kind of a challenge," Polt said. He would someday like to have them all on display personally rather than in a museum.

As computers continue to become more and more advanced, the hobby is becoming more and more popular. "They are more alluring because they are now obsolete," he said. His personal collection is continuously growing, although he admits he is trying to slow down.

Polt has not managed to get any of the other faculty members hooked on typewriter collecting, but he continues to find pleasure in collecting and learning more about the "ancient" typing machines.

"They're mechanically and aesthetically interesting," he said.

Visit the Classic Typewriter Page at <http://xavier.xu.edu/~polt/typewriters.html>.

Reflection adds new dimension to club

LORAINÉ CROUCH

News Features Editor

Committed service and reflection are the core components of a new freshman service club on campus called Namaste Service Community.

Mike Hasenmueller, director of student activities at Dorothy Day House (and '95 XU grad), came up with the idea for a unique service organization last year at a conference at Boston College. His idea was to connect justice issues with a service club in which reflection is as important as service.

"I was really looking for a way to combine service and reflection, and the reason for that is because service isn't just a one way thing," said Hasenmueller.

"It's the interaction, sharing and learning that goes on when you step back and reflect on serving others that can teach you so much about your own life and how that affects the world around you," he said.

The name Namaste comes from a Hindu greeting that acknowledges goodness, divinity and dignity in every person.

Spiritual author Ram Dass explains in his book *Grist for the Mill* that Namaste means, "I honor the place in you where the entire universe resides; I honor the place in

you of love, of light, of truth, of peace. I honor the place within you where if you are in that place in me, there is only one of us ... Namaste."

Students liked the name Namaste because it represents one of the main focuses of the club — to "see the face of God in all people regardless of who they are or their situation," Hasenmueller said.

Group members commit to two hours of service and one hour of reflection per week. About 50 students started the program in the fall, and while not all have returned, newcomers have kept the number of members high.

Members meet at the Dorothy Day House weekly where they break up into small groups of five or six people to discuss their service experiences for the week. Students sign up for a location at the beginning of the semester and find hours to fit their schedule.

Locations, service opportunities and transportation are coordinated through Xavier Action and a carpool of willing students. Throughout the week, students travel around Cincinnati to seven different locations.

Some tutor children at Washington Park Elementary while others make their way to visit the residents

"I honor the place in you where the entire universe resides; I honor the place in you of love, of light, of truth, of peace. I honor the place within you where if you are in that place in you and I am in that place in me, there is only one of us ... Namaste."

Ram Dass, *Grist for the Mill*

of the Victory Park Nursing Home. Volunteers may end up working directly with people or doing administrative work depending on the task most needed at the time.

The Drop-Inn Center, Friendship Reading Center, Unity Reading Center, Bethany House for battered women and Marjorie P. Lee Retirement Home are other possible placements for Namaste members.

While members admit the time commitment is sometimes difficult to manage, service has become an important part of their week.

"With Namaste, it's a full commitment," said freshman director Bridget O'Loughlin. "With that commitment, I am building stronger relationships with the people I serve. I have a reason to go every week," she said.

"Of all the good I've been given, I'm trying to give something back, and I can see that I am when I see the smiles on the kids' faces," said freshman Steve Fisk.

Fisk volunteers at Washington Park Elementary in Over-the-Rhine, where he tutors and plays with students after school.

A team of about 10 upperclassmen got Namaste on its feet, but the primary members are freshmen. According to Hasenmueller, the group began with freshmen this year as a way to start small and gauge interest in the group.

"The first few weeks were rough," said senior Stephanie Bobo, "but after a while, it picked up when they

got more involved and had more to share."

"You usually do service and go home, but this way you come together and share experiences," Bobo said.

Once a semester, the club organizes an overnight reflection to give members a chance to get away from campus and look back at everything they have learned during the semester.

In addition, club leaders plan social activities to instill a deeper sense of community. The organization hopes to expand to upperclassmen next year with the help of freshmen directors O'Loughlin and Lea Minniti.

With the beginning of the new semester, freshmen have taken over most of the leadership roles within the group. Along with the two directors, who plan large group meetings and coordinate events, a five-person team helps decide on activities and facilitates small group meetings.

"It's a great way to open the doors (to Dorothy Day House) to students who don't have a specific justice issue they are interested in."

"Serving this way can help them find a justice issue they are passionate about," said Hasenmueller.

Princeton rethinks 'Nude Olympics'

BY CHRISTINE TATUM

College Press Exchange

PRINCETON, N.J. (CPX) — The "Nude Olympics," a long-standing tradition at Princeton University in which students run naked through the semester's first snowfall, should stop before someone gets killed, the university's president said.

The decades-old tradition is one of Princeton's most notorious. At midnight, hundreds of students gather to watch the sophomore class run naked through an ice-covered courtyard while music blares from adjacent dormitory windows.

About 350 students bared all, and hundreds more clamored to watch, but what started out as fun and exhilarating quickly got out of hand, many students said.

Anna Levy-Warren, 19, said she ran with her friends wearing nothing but shoes, socks, a hat, body glitter and a tiger, the school's mascot, painted on her back.

While making her way through the courtyard, she said she saw a man peeing on a woman, another man masturbating, a couple having sex, men groping women, drunk students drifting in and out of consciousness and several people slipping on the ice and snow.

"I was in a nudist mosh-pit grabbing desperately at arms and shoulders to keep myself from being trampled," she wrote to the student newspaper, the *Daily Princetonian*.

"A combination of mob culture and a couple of inches of snow apparently give us the license to normalize behavior that we would otherwise not tolerate: sexual harassment, rape and threats to our lives with blood-alcohol levels over .25, just so we can loosen up enough to take off our clothes," Jen Jennings, president of the class of 2000, wrote to the newspaper.

Nevertheless, many students want the event to continue, claiming it is an important opportunity to bond with classmates.

"I look like an idiot trying to defend people's right to run around naked, but if students see this as a tradition, the administration needs to do anything possible to make it safe," said student body president-elect Spencer Merriweather.

University officials have tried to regulate the event in the past few years by working with student organizers and barring photographers and television cameras. The university also added security, extra lighting and emergency personnel to make the run safer for students.

As far as President Harold Shapiro is concerned, the efforts have failed. He has asked the university's dean of students and a group of faculty, students and staff to study the event over the next several weeks and come up with "options for preventing this tragedy before it happens." Shapiro said he wants to resolve the issue with university trustees early in the spring semester.

RUBBERBAND BALL

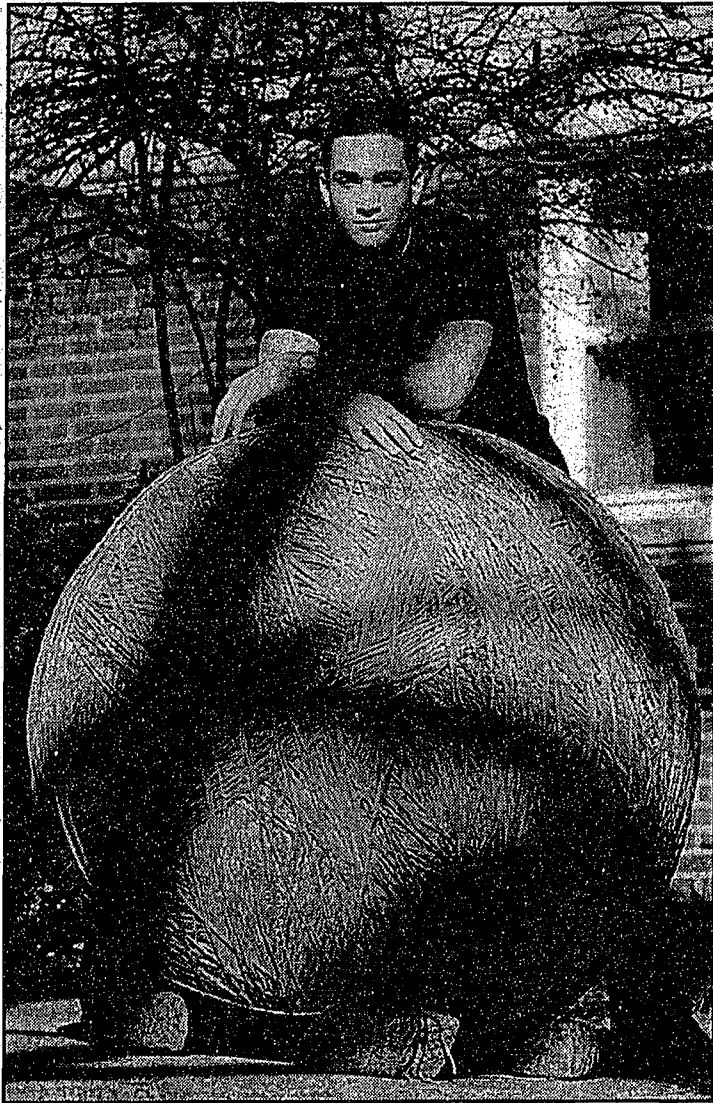


PHOTO BY JOHN CHABALCO

John Bain, a sophomore at the University of Delaware, is out to break the record for the world's largest rubber band ball. He's got to beat current record-holder Steve Partridge of Surrey, England, who assembled a ball weighing 1,022 pounds. Bain says his creation is up to 1,400 pounds now, and he plans to add a couple hundred more before he takes it in to be weighed officially later this year.

U.S. firms sued for sweatshops

NEW YORK (AFP) — Workers on the Pacific island of Saipan filed class-action suits against 18 apparel firms last Wednesday, seeking more than \$1 billion for buying from sweatshops in the U.S. territory.

The suits accuse the retailers, manufacturers and designers of a "racketeering conspiracy" for using cheap labor — mostly young women from China, the Philippines, Bangladesh and Thailand — to produce clothing in "intolerable" working conditions.

Among those named in the action were Sears, Wal-Mart, The Gap, Tommy Hilfiger, Oshkosh B'Gosh, Dayton-Hudson, The May Department Stores, Jones Apparel Group, The Limited, JC Penney and others.

Lawyers for the plaintiffs said they were representing 50,000 workers on Saipan, part of the U.S. territory of the Northern Mariana Islands, in two class action lawsuits filed Wednesday in Saipan and a third in California.

Al Meyenhoff, the plaintiffs' lead attorney, said that while the sweatshop owners were primarily Chinese and South Korean, the U.S. firms that buy are ultimately responsible for the "squalid conditions."

"This case is unique," he said. "It is the first ever attempt that I know of to hold U.S. retailers accountable for mistreatment of

workers in foreign-owned factories operating in U.S. soil."

A separate lawsuit was filed in state court in Los Angeles by Global Exchange, Sweatshop Watch and two other organizations.

One of the workers, Carmencita Abad, who was fired for trying to organize other laborers, said the sweatshop employees in Saipan were recruited from China, Malaysia and the Philippines.

"They promise us the American dream, but instead, we awaken in a nightmare," she said, describing 12-hour days, seven-days per week, with workers living up to seven to a room.

The companies rarely paid overtime, she said.

A third lawsuit was filed in California by human rights and labor organizations accusing the companies of trafficking "hot goods" manufactured in violation of U.S. labor laws.

Together, the three lawsuits are seeking more than \$1 billion in damages and compensation for the workers.

The Marianas, a U.S. commonwealth, is exempt from American minimum wage and immigration laws, allowing factories to recruit Asian workers and pay them \$3.05 an hour, well below the minimum wage of \$5.15.

Territory officials say they are trying to clean up any abuses.

Gates ordered rigged opinion poll

BY ANDREW ZAJAC

Knight-Ridder Newspapers

WASHINGTON — Microsoft Chairman Bill Gates ordered a rigged opinion poll to support his U.S. Senate testimony about the purported benefit of combining his company's Internet browser with Microsoft's industry-standard Windows operating system, according to evidence presented at the company's antitrust trial last Thursday.

The poll showed that of a sample of software developers, 85 percent thought integrating the two items would help programmers and consumers.

However, those findings conflicted with other Microsoft data showing developers supported a



Microsoft CEO Bill Gates

government investigation of the way the company combined and marketed the browser and the operating system.

The poll results surfaced in the cross-examination of Richard Schmalensee, an economist who was in his second day on the stand as the lead-off witness for Microsoft's defense.

Schmalensee cited the poll in written testimony that disputes the government's assertions that Microsoft is a monopoly and that actions such as folding the browser into the operating system harmed consumers by making it harder to use alternative products.

Government attorney David Boies introduced a Feb. 14, 1998, e-mail from Gates to senior Microsoft executives stating "it would HELP ME IMMENSELY to have a survey showing that 90 percent of developers believe putting

the browser into the (operating system) makes sense ... Ideally we would have a survey like this done before I appear at the Senate on March 3."

Schmalensee said, "the purpose of (the survey) was not explained to me," and he did not look into why it was produced.

But Schmalensee, dean of the Sloan Graduate School of Business at Massachusetts Institute of Technology, insisted he would have used the survey in his testimony even if he knew its purpose because "it was a random sample done by a third-party research firm. The purpose is not relevant."

However, other e-mail evidence indicates that Microsoft tailored the questions to get a desired response.

Yugoslavia on brink of crisis with NATO

WASHINGTON (AFP) — Yugoslavia and NATO are on the brink of an "extraordinary emergency" after the massacre of 45 ethnic Albanians and the expulsion of the OSCE mission chief from troubled Kosovo, U.S. Special Envoy Richard Holbrooke told CNN Monday.

The current situation is "as serious, perhaps more serious, as it was in October," when NATO forces were less than 96 hours away from bombing targets in Yugoslavia to end an offensive against Albanians in Kosovo province, he told CNN television.

"We have had clear cut viola-

tions of the October agreements" that averted air strikes, he said. Holbrooke, who brokered those accords with Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic, warned that the NATO activation order issued last fall for the air strikes was still in effect.

"If the Yugoslav leadership thinks this a bluff they should just try us," he said. "This is not a smart move on their part."

"There have been violations on the Albanian side ... but the crisis tonight is with the Yugoslav leadership," he said.

William Walker, in charge of the

OSCE's truce-monitoring mission in Kosovo under a U.S.-brokered deal, was declared persona non grata Monday and ordered to leave Yugoslavia within 48 hours after he emotionally condemned the Friday killings in the southern village of Racak.

He described the massacre as "obviously a crime very much against humanity." NATO Supreme Commander Wesley Clark said he would take "a very clear message" to Milosevic when he met with him Tuesday in Belgrade.

"He made commitments to NATO," Clark said in an interview

with CNN. "He's violating most of those commitments now."

"We're going to go down and insist ... that he follow through on the obligations that he's made," Clark said.

"He knows how close he came in October when he played a game of brinkmanship and almost lost it totally," he said. He added that if a decision to strike is made it would be a matter of "days and hours" for the attack order to be fulfilled.

"Most of the (strike) capabilities are right there (and) the other capabilities are a few hours flight away," said Clark.

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— STAFF EDITORIAL —

Impersonal e-mail

Xavier prides itself on its cozy environment, ripe with possibility for communal development and meaningful, personal relationships. The phrase, "You won't become just a number here," leaps from the lips of our admissions counselors and from the glossy pages of our brochures.

The implication, of course, is that at all those other places — monolithic, anonymous state institutions and less amiable private schools — you are known simply as a statistic or by a jumble of numbers. Xavier, it seems, is just the opposite ... or so we would all like to believe.

Strangely, though, our friends who chose to attend

those other anonymous universities have meaningful e-mail usernames while we are given a six digit jumble belched from the depths of the Xavier University main frame.

JSmith@indiana.edu has personality; 239624@xavier.xu.edu is bland and cold. Theirs

is personal. Theirs is readily remembered. Ours is starkly impersonal and ridiculously difficult to keep straight.

This does not have to be. Xavier can redeem itself and remedy this gross violation of its ideals. Professors, administra-

tors, clubs and student government officers already have personalized accounts. They can use their last names — some even their first names — to signify themselves while others are condemned to gobbledygook.

We need not make this an elitist practice just for those who qualify for the vanity plates. Our username should not be a status symbol differentiating the movers and shakers from the

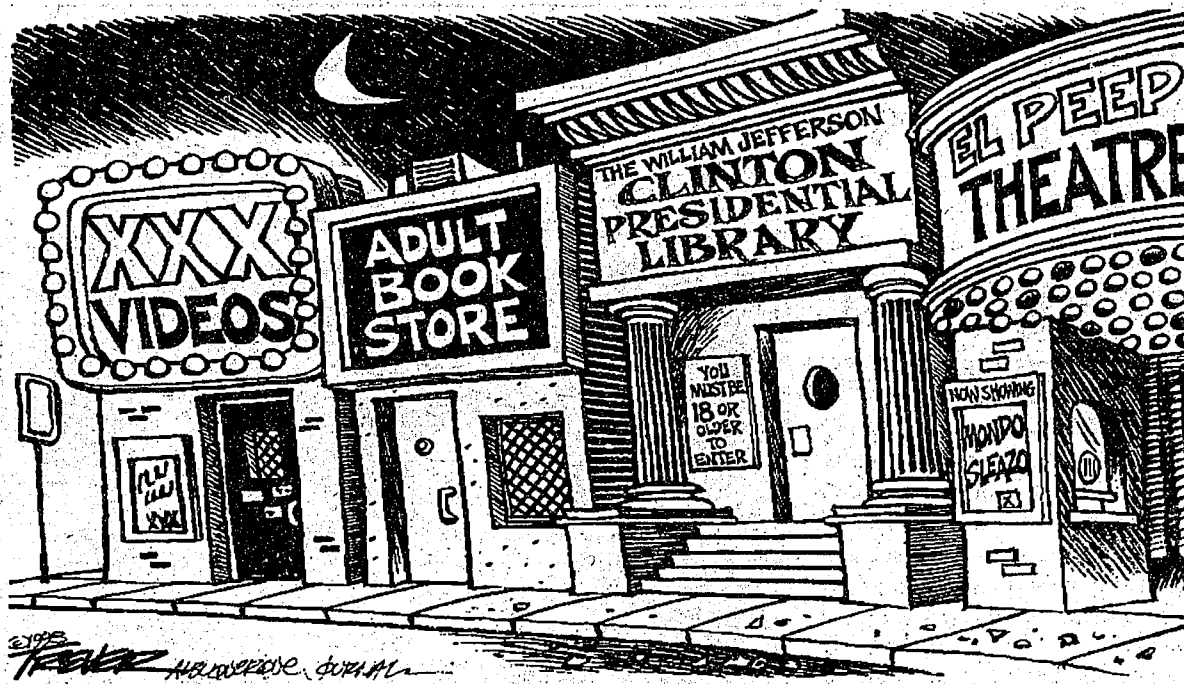
tuition-paying riffraff.

Rather, we should grant the privilege to the masses of anonymous students, so that their anonymity might give way to a semblance of personal identity.

—C.A.E.

for The Newswire staff

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— INTERNATIONAL PERSPECTIVE —

Contraception not a cure-all

BY KATE BERGMAN

Guest Columnist

Tim Horan painted some grim realities about the status of our home planet in his letter to the editor in the Jan. 13 *Newswire*. While I agree we are destroying the environment at alarming rates, the strain that is placed on our environment cannot be attributed primarily to the "population explosion," as Horan indicated.

Most damage to the global environment so far has originated not in developing countries where population growth is still rapid, but in high-income industrial countries such as our own, where population has shown relatively little growth in recent decades.

Many scholars note that population behavior is more important than its numbers. Human action determines whether the population will have a positive or negative impact on the environment. The mobility of markets, distribution of wealth, institutions and government policies all have great impact on the environment.

It seems developed countries would rather blame the "population problem" for damage done to the Earth than locate blame where it most belongs — at home. The major causes of environmental degradation are industrial and military pollutants and exploitative economic systems — not fertility.

In 1973, Americans consumed one third of the world's resources when they only constitute six percent of the population. Twenty-six years later, the numbers are slightly different.

Population is a factor in the preservation of our environment, but there is evidence that artificial contraception, espoused by Horan as the "only hope we have of solving the major moral problem of our age," is not fulfilling its promises.

In the 1960s, it was widely believed that use of artificial contraception would resolve our population issues, protect our health, make for better marriages and decrease the number of unplanned pregnancies. Thirty years of history has shown that more and better contraception does not resolve our population issues. Narrowly focusing on artificial contraception as a solution insults the complexity of issues in developing countries.

One critical issue in the population equation is the demand for large families in developing countries. For many women, the only way to attain any status or economic security in their societies is by having many children. Due to pervasive gender bias, underscored by custom and government policy, women remain dependent on children.

Strict population policies, which rely heavily on artificial contraception, have failed to address the needs of women in developing countries. The overemphasis on contraception "ignores the larger question of development goals, like improving health care and education and ending social inequalities," argues Jodi Jacobson, director of the Health and Development Policy Project in Washington, D.C.

I agree with Horan that empowering women is an important step in slowing population growth. But women's status is not improved by simply providing access to affordable, effective birth control because this approach fails to remedy pervasive gender bias in social and political structures. We can't lump all of our problems into the context of the population paradigm.

More and better contraception has not improved our health. Highly lauded oral contraceptives have been known to cause blood clots, heart disease, high blood pressure, infertility, and predisposes a small percentage of users to certain types of cancer. With 16 million women in the United States using the contraceptive pill, even a small percentage is too many.

Gender bias also pervaded the development of the pill. Initially, Dr. Ellen Grant writes in her book *The Bitter Pill*, there was an attempt to formulate a male and female contraceptive pill. The search for a male contraceptive pill was discontinued when one of the men who participated in the first testing of this pill was found to have slightly shrunken testicles.

When three women died in the testing of the first female contraceptive pill, the endeavor was not abandoned. Experimenters merely adjusted the dosage of the pill and tried again.

More and better contraception has not made for better marriages. Between 1965 and 1975, when the contraceptive pill became widely

available, the divorce rate doubled. Demographer Michael Roberts discovered that the graph of the availability of the contraceptive pill and the graph of the divorce increase were parallel for the 10 year period.

Artificial contraception is damaging to marriage for several reasons. The first is that contracepting parents have fewer kids and have them later in marriage. Data has shown that couples who have their first child early in marriage and who have more children tend to have longer-lasting marriages.

Secondly, artificial contraception makes choosing adultery easier, as affairs outside of marriage are less likely to produce children. Finally, premarital sex, with its legacy of broken promises, leaves people entering marriage not trusting others or even themselves. The passions of premarital sex can obscure rather than clarify the choice of a lifetime partner in marriage.

More and better contraception has not made for fewer unplanned pregnancies. This is demonstrated in the rapid increase in the number of babies born out of wedlock in recent decades. Contraception is highly available and yet this factor has failed to curtail this increase.

The other half of the story is told by the million and a half abortions that take place each year in the United States. Fifty percent of women in abortion clinics cite that the reason they need an abortion is because of contraceptive failure. Eighty percent of women in abortion clinics considered themselves "contraceptively experienced."

The Supreme Court agrees with these women on at least one aspect. In *Planned Parenthood v. Casey*, the Court ruled that the legality of abortion stems from the use of contraception. For two decades, couples have based decisions in their intimate relationships on the availability of abortion should contraceptives fail. Without addressing, or even raising the question of the humanity of the unborn child, the Court ruled that we must have abortions because we have contraception.

We should not continue to put our trust in a method that has failed us in as many ways as artificial contraception. Instead, we should pick up the pieces of those broken promises, and learn from them.

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- NATIONAL PERSPECTIVE -

Two perspectives on abortion

Women have inalienable 'right to personhood'

BY JUSTIN KLEKOTA

Guest Columnist

The "right to personhood" is an inalienable right of any human person. This right ensures that any person has the freedom to make decisions involving his or her own health and well-being, and no person can be forced to act against his or her own will.

There are some things that a government cannot and should not do to any human being. Forcing a woman to bear a child is one of them.

Policies supporting a woman's right to choose abortion affirm a woman's human rights. Such a freedom is rooted in the right to personhood of a woman and should never be compromised by the government.

When the government regulates abortion procedures, it should do so only to ensure safety of procedures and to protect only significantly developed fetuses.

If a woman's rights conflict with any rights given to a well-developed fetus, a woman's rights always come first.

Human fetuses are not entitled to complete legal protection because they are not human persons.

As it applies to abortion, the right to personhood guarantees a woman the unlimited freedom to end her pregnancy.

Consider the dangerous potential for a society that does not recognize this freedom. Denying a woman the freedom to end her pregnancy won't just cause the woman undue physical and emotional suffering; it will give the government the power to force or deny medical care. This is a serious problem: just ask anyone who sued an HMO.

A woman should have the unlimited right to end her pregnancy, but that does necessarily mean the fetus should always be destroyed. The fetus can be removed from the womb intact. It makes sense to offer the fetus some protection if it is significantly developed. The big question is, when do you protect it?

To justify any form of legal protection for a fetus, you must first define personhood and human life. Many believe human life begins at conception. This is true.

A fertilized egg is human life, but so is a human sperm, a human cheek cell, and a human pancreas. The real claim being made by this position is that a human embryo and a human fetus are both human persons.

This viewpoint essentially defines the human person as anything with a human genetic code. For most people, however, there is more to life than having a genetic code. The "human experience" is arguably the most defining element of being a human person.

Consider the tragedy of brain death. Brain dead individuals are human beings with a beating heart but no brain activity. While these individuals are genetically human persons, they lack any capability for personal awareness of feeling, sensation and thought.

That is, these individuals have lost the capacity for consciousness. Because that capacity for consciousness is lost, these individuals can be declared legally dead.

While the medical definition of brain death has its limits because not all brain activity is attributable to consciousness, the underlying principle is clear. Without a capacity for consciousness or human experience, there is no human person.

Defining the human person as anything with a capacity for consciousness may seem reasonable, but identifying the biological activity responsible for consciousness poses a unique challenge. This difficulty is largely the result of the gradual nature of human development.

The development of consciousness is

gradual. Because of this, there exists no single point to mark the beginning of consciousness. Therefore, when attempts are made to protect fetuses, protection should be broad enough to ensure that all fetuses with a reasonable potential for consciousness are protected.

This does not mean fetuses will be protected as conscious persons, but as beings with potential to develop into conscious persons. Thus, the presence of consciousness in the fetus (or lack thereof) must be considered. Two prominent viewpoints exist on this position.

One position, offered by pain researcher Stuart Derbyshire, states that conscious experience depends on social interaction and self-awareness. He argues there is no evidence of consciousness until one year after birth.

Maria Fitzgerald, a developmental neurobiologist, argues that some basic element of consciousness is present in a fetus before birth. She argues that essential neural connections for consciousness are not established until 23 weeks of development. These connections only become electrically active several weeks later. Before this point in development, awareness-

ness is impossible.

Considering these two viewpoints, it appears that consciousness is absent in a human fetus. However, some rudimentary consciousness appears late in fetal development.

On these grounds, limited legal protection should be afforded to the fetus as a potential person. Only two restrictions should exist.

First, if the fetus has rudimentary consciousness, but not the physical viability to complete its development outside the womb, then legal protection should not be afforded. This is justified because rudimentary consciousness is compromised by lack of viability.

Only after the 28th week of development does the fetus bear a relatively low risk of mortality and neurological disease.

Having established that a fetus should be protected after the 28th week, abortions that destroy a fetus after this point should be banned. The only permissible pregnancy termination after this point would deliver a fetus intact, so it can complete its development outside the womb.

Second, because the mother is a human person while the fetus is only a potential person, her human rights outweigh any interest in the fetus.

While the developed fetus is entitled to some protection, the woman has the unconditional right to end her pregnancy. Indeed, the right to personhood affords no compromise.

All humans are people, equal under the law

BY MARK MCDONALD

Opinions & Editorials Editor

There's a public service advertisement on television sponsored by the U.S. Department of Transportation showing the sonogram of an unborn child, moving in the womb. Next, the child's name is displayed and we learn she was "killed on her way to being born" by a drunk driver.

This advertisement highlights a fundamental contradiction in our attitudes toward the unborn. We're horrified if a woman drinks or uses drugs while pregnant because of the damage done to the unborn. But free access to abortion — to terminate the unborn — is an encouraging sign of progress. How can we reconcile these very different reactions? The fact is, the unborn are a marginalized group. Sometimes we dote on them, and sometimes it is all too easy to infringe on their rights.

No one denies that a fetus is human life. It's not mongoose tissue in there. And one cannot deny the growing, dividing fetus is alive. So we all agree that the fetus is alive, human, and distinct from the mother.

The question is whether the fetus is a form of life that deserves protection. Is this small tissue mass equal to

the large tissue mass that surrounds it?

Most of us never see the fetus and never hear from it. Unlike its mother, the fetus does not contribute to the GNP. The fetus doesn't hold down a respectable job and doesn't have any charge cards.

So how can one possibly say the fetus is equal to a "real" human? Because our founding documents boldly proclaim equality under the law for all. We lose ground when justice favors one group over others. Without constant reforms, the law tends to favor the rich, young, whites, men, heterosexuals and other traditionally privileged groups.

Fertilization is the obvious beginning of a new human life. It's a significant moment in part because a new and unique genetic combination comes into existence. From this very moment the mother and society must deal with a new human life and guarantee it's equal protection under the law, even when it's inconvenient.

And protection for the unborn is often inconvenient in contemporary society. Many people acknowledge the same starting point but attempt to reach different conclusions.

Not so long ago, people acknowledged that black people were human, and certainly alive, but refused to acknowledge their equality, claiming they weren't as developed as "real" humans, that they had none of the characteristics of whites. On the other hand, abolitionists were considered fanatic-

ics. Fortunately, today most of us see the logic of the abolitionists. It seems so clear now; we wonder what the holdup was.

Abortion is another issue where logical conclusions run afoul of vested interests. Some people want to argue that while a human life begins at fertilization, the tiny mass of cells isn't a human person because it doesn't demonstrate awareness.

There is no clear point at which we can say consciousness begins. But there's no need to prove consciousness to secure legal protection. Some severely retarded people and catatonics seem utterly unresponsive to the outside world. Maybe they aren't aware, but they still merit their rights.

Some people have what appears to be a richer, fuller human experience. For example, the rich enjoy more luxuries than the poor, and the sighted experience more than the blind. But the sighted and the wealthy are not more human.

In fact, no characteristic can be used to rank human life. In a way, it's arrogant to make presumptions about a form of human life different from our own; to say, for example, that a deaf person's experience is less than that of a hearing person.

More importantly, it's dangerous to require that a person exhibit any quality to be considered a person. You're not a person because you exhibit certain neural chemical reactions. You're not a person because you have certain characteristics. One is a person by default, by virtue of their existence as a distinct human being.

But do the rights of the unborn person outweigh the legal rights the mother has over her body? Certainly no one can legally force a woman to become pregnant. The consistent and correct use of contraceptives provides an extremely effective means to prevent pregnancy. For those opposed to artificial contraception, abstinence and natural family planning are also effective methods when rigorously followed.

The fact is, sex is a behavior that has consequences, and when our behavior leads to a new life, we cannot ignore that life. Is a pregnant woman obliged to complete her pregnancy? Yes.

When we begin some actions, we are obligated to complete them. For example, if a brain surgeon has a patient under anesthesia, all cracked open and ready to go, and suddenly decides she doesn't want to finish the operation, can she walk away from the table, leaving the patient to die? The patient certainly isn't conscious at this point. Obviously this isn't a perfect analogy because pregnancy is a completely unique experience.

But just as the doctor is obliged to either finish the operation or stabilize the patient so he can wake up safely, a pregnant woman must either deliver the baby or wait until it can be safely delivered prematurely.

People aren't going to wake up tomorrow and stop having and performing abortions. In fact, we can't legislate a successful end to abortion.

Only if we secure a better environment — by fostering respect for human life, by providing adequate social services to single mothers and impoverished women and children, by guaranteeing women equal pay for equal work and by improving sexual education and responsible behavior — can we hope to reduce the demand for abortions.

Most women today don't have abortions with the intent to kill their unborn. It is possible to have a world sufficiently just, tolerant and compassionate where people will no longer rationalize that their self-interest warrants the death of an unborn child.



- NATIONAL PERSPECTIVE -

'Condom promotion is a sham(e),' says XU instructor**MR. DAVID MECONI, S.J.***Visiting Instructor,
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What is the solution to the inequities of abortion, the maltreatment of women, environmental destruction and major life-threatening diseases? These crises face today's college-aged generation in a very real and no-doubt exacting way.

So, what if you were told that the answer to these problems not only cost under a dollar but could fit easily into your pocket?

What if you could hold the answer to the "only hope we have of solving major moral problem of our age — the destruction of our planet, Earth" as well as "an effective barrier" against a major world-killer, in your hand? This magic mechanism, you were also told, was the key to "ending the subjugation of women" and would indubitably end abortion around the world.

In a *NewsWire* opinion piece last week, the proposed answer for ending these human tragedies was the proper use of the latex condom. But if the condom is the salvation it is purported to be, why has its increased use accompanied uniform increases in the number of abortions performed as well as in known sexually-transmitted diseases?

According to *The New England Journal of Medicine*,

condoms fail to prevent the spread of STDs one out of three times. Why? The material that makes up latex has tiny occurring voids or capillaries one to five microns wide; a micron is one thousandth of a millimeter. Now, the HIV virus is only one-tenth of a micron wide. This means that a deadly virus is ten to fifty times smaller than the barrier employed to stop it.

In a recent letter to *The Washington Times*, a spokesman for a group dealing with rubber chemistry and technology, wrote: "My only comment is to point out that the rubber comprising latex condoms has intrinsic voids about five microns (0.0002 inches) in size. Since this is roughly 10 times smaller than sperm, the latter we effectively blocked in ideal circumstances. The 12 percent failure rate of condoms in preventing pregnancy is attributable to cracking, removal, ozone deterioration from improper sealing, manufactured defects, etc. Contrarily, the AIDS virus is only 0.1 micron (four millionths of an inch) in size. Since this is a factor of 50 smaller than the voids inherent in rubber, the virus can readily pass through the condom should it find a passage. A reluctance to stake one's life on the ability of a condom to prevent HIV infection bespeaks wisdom."

The Journal of Obstetric Gynecologic and Neonatal Nursing maintains that, "No highly effective method exists to protect a woman

against pregnancy and [STD] infection." Judge for yourselves the many statistics and studies available; but please check those numbers provided by places not in the business of selling condoms — those places not thriving off the annual billion dollar industry of the "safe sex" lie.

Last week's piece also stated that if contraception were more widely available, abortions would decrease. This faulty logic may have deserved a hearing a generation ago but we can no longer overlook the inherent relationship between contraception and abortion. Even our own Supreme Court recognizes this connection: in *Planned Parenthood v. Casey*, the case confirming *Roe v. Wade*, we read that America must maintain "the availability of abortion in the event that contraception should fail."

Abortion is the backup to failed contraception, for contraception allows us to think of this newly-formed life as an unwanted aggressor, an uninvited intruder into an act in which everything possible was done to keep her away. What do we do with her now? Surveys show that four out of five teenage girls now aborting their babies were using artificial contraception.

Safe sex is degrading to the human person. How offensive to think that Xavier students cannot control their sexual impulses: "obviously abstinence is the only truly safe

sexual behavior, but we cannot naively bury our heads in the sand..."

College students are not rutting animals unable to control their sexual drives. In no other area of life do we say that this is the right thing, but if you choose to act otherwise, be safe.

Xavier will never teach you how to drive drunk nor would we ever teach you how to cheat and so as not to get caught — even if you were "going to do it anyway." A true educator expects virtue from his or her students and if given the reasons why and the example how, students respond accordingly.

Yours is a generation seeking for truth but finding excuses and compromise instead. The safe sex message refuses to elevate sexual activity from the merely brutal and uncontrollable to the holy and beautiful; your "lover" is treated as a disease from which to be protected. What once was thought of as a terrible curse and loss, infertility — however temporary — is now held up as a right and a means of social advancement.

King Lear's curse upon his daughter Gonerill for her lack of filial devotion, today sounds eerily akin to an ad for Planned Parenthood or the motto for some secular sex-ed curriculum: "Hear, Nature, hear! Dear goddess, hear / Suspend thy purpose if thou didst intend / To make this creature fruitful. Into her womb convey sterility / Dry up

in her the organs of increase."

Thirty years ago, Pope Paul VI predicted that if a contraceptive mentality ever took hold of a culture, conjugal infidelity and a lowering of morality would follow. He surmised that if contraception became socially acceptable, young people would lose their way with regard to sex and virtue and that men would further objectify women, reducing her to a "mere instrument of selfish enjoyment, and no longer as his respected and beloved companion."

Paul VI argued that sex has a dual-design which we disregard at our own peril: sex must simultaneously be an act of free love as well as an act open to the possibility of new life.

Perhaps, just perhaps, today's loss of respect for human life, sexual exploitation and manipulation, the breakdown of the family, the rise in teenage and single-mother pregnancies, the sorrow surrounding abortion, the threat of deadly sexual diseases, as well as the major industries that thrive on the objectification of women, prove him prophetic.

The answer to humanity's problems does not fit into your pocket but into your soul; it lies not in self-protection but self-mastery and self-giving. Fall for neither Lear's curse nor the quixotic advice of some, all of you are worth more than that. You are worth infinitely more.

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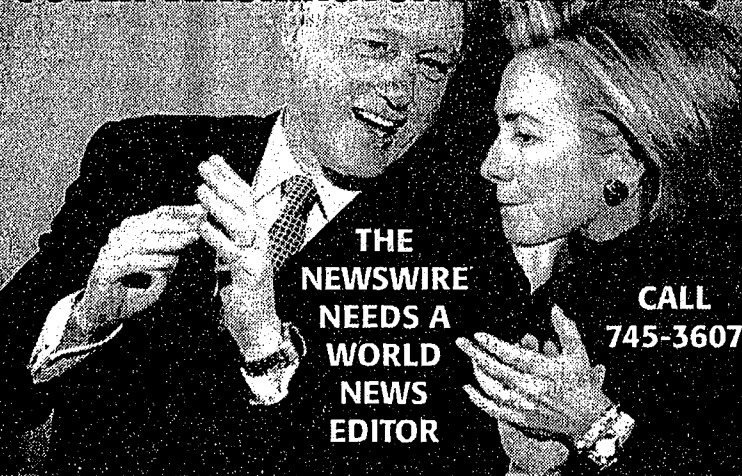


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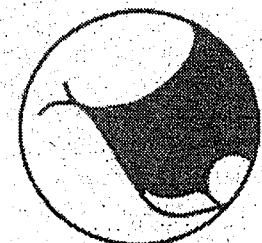
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Intramurals to do

The Xavier Intramural Sports Department has released the sports and schedules it will offer during the spring semester.

Four-on-four basketball will be offered for men, women and co-rec. Open sign-ups will go through Jan. 27. The captains meeting will be held Jan. 28 and play begins Feb. 1.

Floor hockey will be offered for men and women. Open sign-ups will go through Jan. 27. The captains meeting will be held Jan. 28 and play begins on Feb. 7.

Volleyball will also be offered this semester in triples and six-person leagues. Open sign-ups go through Jan. 27. The captains meeting will be held Jan. 28 with play starting on Feb. 1.

Due to the success of **bowling** last semester it will once again be offered. Open sign-ups will be held from Feb. 1-17 with the captains meeting taking place on Feb. 18. The bowling season will begin on Feb. 24.

A **softball tournament** will also be offered by the Intramural Sports Department this semester. Open sign-ups will take place from Feb. 24 through March 10. The captains meeting will be held on March 11 and play will begin on March 15.

Open sign-ups for Spring Breakaway XIV will be held from March 14 through April 14. The captains meeting will be held on April 15 with the fun beginning on April 19.

All of the sports, dates and times are subject to change.

Entry forms can be picked up at the O'Connor Sports Center. Entry forms must be returned to the intramural office by the closing date with a \$20 cash forfeit fee (except for bowling).

A team representative must be present at the captains meeting or the team will forfeit \$20.

For more information, contact the Intramural Office in the Sports Center at 745-2856.

Swimmers fall

The Louisville Cardinals dominated both the Xavier men's and women's swim teams in a dual meet last Saturday.

The men were defeated 108.5-74.5 while the women were defeated 95-66. Sophomore Louis Dissel was the only Musketeer who came in first place in the 50 freestyle (22.48).

Both swim teams will be in action on Saturday against Cleveland State and Duquesne in Cleveland.

X-men on the tube

The men's basketball team will look to extend its winning streak to nine games tonight at Fordham.

Tip-off is slated for 7 p.m. and WCPO Channel 9 will show all of the action.

—Matt Madges

Mother Nature beats women

Lady Musketeers tied for second after splitting long road weekend

BY MATT MADGES

Assistant Sports Editor

Heading into last weekend's road trip, the women's basketball team was off to its best-ever start at 12-2 and had been close to unbeatable so far on the season. The women found that even with their successes, however, they were no match for the opponent they faced last weekend in the indomitable Mother Nature.

Last Thursday, the women boarded a plane headed to Philadelphia for a Friday night game against La Salle. Due to the ice storm that passed through the region, however, their plane was diverted and the Musketeers ended up in Atlanta.

The team spent all of Thursday night and much of Friday morning trying to get to Philadelphia. They finally arrived in the City of brotherly love at 6:30 p.m. Friday, but the game against the Explorers had been postponed until the next day.

Once Saturday came around and the Lady Musketeers were finally able to take the court, the effects of the lengthy travel became apparent.

WEEKLY RECAP

LA SALLE 63, XAVIER 61

HIGH POINTS (16):
Jen Philips

HIGH ASSISTS (11):
Nikki Kremer

KEY STAT: The game was postponed for 17 hours as a result of an ice storm that hit the region and the travel problems the weather caused for Xavier.

XAVIER 83, FORDHAM 75

HIGH POINTS (22):
Nikki Kremer

HIGH ASSISTS (11):
Nikki Kremer

KEY STAT: Nikki Kremer recorded her third straight double-double and seventh straight game of double-digit assists.

La Salle led for much of the game until a three-pointer by freshman Hilary Kulik gave Xavier a 53-52 lead with 4:29 remaining in the game. From that point on, the game went back and forth until the Explorers took the lead for good at 63-59.

A layup by sophomore Jen Philips and two missed La Salle free throws gave the Musketeers a chance to win, but sophomore Nicole Levandusky's desperation three-pointer fell short as time ex-

pired.

Philips led the way for XU with 16 points. Senior Nikki Kremer had a double-double with 10 points and a game-high 11 assists.

Xavier rebounded well from its third loss of the season with a 83-75 victory against Fordham on Sunday. Kremer and Levandusky led the way in the victory with 22 and 20 points respectively.

Kremer also dished out 11 assists in the win and recorded her third straight double-double. The

performance also marked the seventh straight time that Kremer recorded a double-digit number of assists.

Philips added 16 points and continues to be Xavier's leading scorer with an average of 16.1 points per game. She also leads the team with an average of 7.5 rebounds per contest. Levandusky is second on the team with 16 points per game.

The next few games for Xavier will be tough, but at least they will be at home. XU welcomes Rhode Island and Massachusetts for games on Jan. 22 and 24.

Things will get very interesting a week later as the Musketeers host Virginia Tech on Jan. 29. The Hokies are a Top 15 team, and are still undefeated this deep into the season.

A key game against West divisional foe Duquesne on Jan. 31 ends the homestand, and then the Lady Muskies will head to Virginia Tech for a Feb. 5 game.

—Pete Holtermann contributed to this story.

Women's basketball: around the A-10

BY JOE ANGOLIA

Sports Writer

Though there remain two undefeated teams in the Atlantic 10, Virginia Tech is clearly the favorite for the conference championship.

The Hokies have been exceptional this year, and continued their undefeated season with an 87-64 win over St. Bonaventure on Jan. 15. Their 16 straight victories are the longest current win streak in the country. The Hokies (ranked No. 2 in the Jan. 13 women's RPI Report) along with Georgia make up the only undefeated Division I women's teams in the country.

The Hokies have also claimed the best start in conference history, surpassing the 13-0 mark set by the 1990-91 Rutgers team.

Part of the tremendous success the Hokies have had this year can be attributed to freshman forward Nicole Jones.

Jones earned her first collegiate start on Jan. 15 against St. Bonaventure. She made the most of her opportunity, nailing all four field goal attempts and finished with 10 points. In her next game she put up 14 points to go along with a

STANDINGS					
EAST			WEST		
	A-10 Overall			A-10 Overall	
1. St. Joseph's	6-0 11-5	1. Virginia Tech	6-0 16-0		
2. UMass	3-2 8-10	2. Xavier	4-2 13-3		
3. Temple	2-3 6-9	G. Washington	4-2 10-5		
4. Fordham	2-4 6-10	4. Dayton	3-2 7-7		
5. Rhode Island	0-5 4-11	5. Duquesne	2-4 9-7		
St. Bonaventure	0-6 6-10	La Salle	2-4 9-7		

through Jan. 18

career-high eight rebounds. Her performance last week earned her the Rookie of the Week award, her second honor of the year.

George Washington senior Noelia Gomez tied her career high with 32 points in an 86-65 victory over Duquesne. Gomez poured in a game-high 22 points and added eight rebounds in a 74-65 loss to Virginia Tech.

In her thirteen games this year, Gomez has eight 20-plus point performances. The award marked her fifth Player of the Week honor of her career, including back-to-back awards the last two weeks.

Sharing the Player of the Week award with Gomez is Massachusetts senior Tez Kraft. Kraft scored her 1,000th career point this past

week against Temple, becoming only the 10th Minutewoman in history to do so.

In the 71-43 victory over Temple, Kraft scored 21 points to go along with eight rebounds. Kraft finished the week with an 18 point performance on 8-of-12 shooting from the field in a 63-58 loss to St. Joseph's. This was her first ever Player of the Week award.

In their loss to Virginia Tech, the Bonnies received an inspired performance from sophomore Melissa Fazio who scored a game-high 27 points in her second game back after fracturing her ankle.

Helping St. Joseph's increase its winning streak to five games was freshman Susan Moore, who poured in 47 points over a two game

span, including her third double-double of the season against the Rhode Island Rams (23 points and 10 rebounds).

Xavier point guard Nikki Kremer dished out 11 assists in the XU loss to La Salle. It was Kremer's ninth game with 10 or more assists and 10 or more points.

In the Colonials' win over the Duquesne Dukes, Gomez (Co-Player of the Week) added a career-high tying 32 points and junior Elisa Aguilar finished with 19 points, including five three-pointers.

St. Bonaventure's Hilary Waltman is now just 20 points away from becoming the Bonnies all-time leading scorer. The conference's leading scorer at 21.6 ppg, Waltman should break the record some time next week.

And finally, Fordham was hit with some bad news this week. The Rams' leading scorer, Chinyere Vann, was declared academically ineligible by the University, and will sit out the remainder of the season. Vann was averaging 13.5 points per game, including a conference best 19.3 points against A-10 opponents.



On Tap



Wednesday, Jan. 20

•Men's basketball at Fordham at 7 p.m.

Friday, Jan. 22

•Women's basketball vs. Rhode Island at 7 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 23

•Men's basketball vs. Virginia Tech at 4 p.m.

•Rifle vs. Kentucky at 12 p.m.

•Swimming vs. Duquesne and Cleveland State in Cleveland at 1:00 p.m.

Sunday, Jan. 24

•Women's basketball vs. Massachusetts at 2 p.m.

Home games are in bold.

•Home men's basketball games are held at the Cincinnati Gardens.

•Home women's basketball games are held at Schmidt Fieldhouse.

•Home rifle matches are held in the armory.

GAME of the WEEK

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL VS. MASSACHUSETTS

2 p.m. Sunday at Schmidt Fieldhouse

Last year, the UMass Minutewomen eliminated XU in the A-10 Tournament semifinals in Massachusetts. This time, the New-Englanders have to do the traveling to take on a very good Musketeer squad. This should be a good game.



NEWSWIRE PHOTO BY BILL TERRY

THE X-FACTORS

TURNER GETS HIS TURN

Midway through the second half last Wednesday, freshman Aaron Turner made his collegiate debut. In 10 minutes of play, Turner scored two points, grabbed four rebounds and blocked a shot that brought the crowded arena to its feet. "He has a chance to be a good player for us," said coach Skip Prosser. "The kids like him and respect his work ethic. They were pleased that he had some success." In his second game on Sunday, Turner scored six points and grabbed six rebounds in 21 minutes of play.

POSEY CLIMBING

With his 20-point performance against George Washington, senior James Posey jumped up three more spots on Xavier's all-time scoring list. Posey, now in 25th place, has accumulated 1,102 points over his three-year career.

STREAKY DOUBLE TEAM

Seniors James Posey and Lenny Brown have been consistently productive for XU this season. With his 20-point performance against GW, Posey has now scored in double figures in nine straight games. Brown has scored in double figures in eight straight after his 13 points against the Colonials.

MAN AMONG BOYS

Freshman Kevin Frey scored 10 of his career-high 14 points from the foul line last Sunday. The offensive performance was one point better than the 13 points Frey scored on Dec. 5 against Purdue. Frey also pulled down a game-high 10 rebounds against the Colonials. "Kevin did a great job on the boards," said senior Gary Lumpkin. "When your big men rebound like that you want to reward them."

MORE OR LESS

Last season, Xavier went 2-1 against GW, with both teams winning at home during the regular season and XU defeating the Colonials in the finals of the A-10 Tournament. In their two victories, the Musketeers shot 14 three-pointers combined, while shooting 17 in the lone loss. For this reason, Prosser told his team to choose their three-point attempts wisely against GW. "In this case, we thought that less might be more," said Prosser. In Sunday's game, XU shot 12 three-pointers.

GUARANTEED MADNESS

Since the Atlantic 10 opened shop in 1976-77, 29 of the 31 teams which started the conference season with four or more straight wins have gone on to postseason play. Xavier is 5-0 in the conference.

Lumpkin not satisfied ... yet

Musketeers win eighth straight, off to best-ever start in Atlantic 10

BY MATT MADGES

Assistant Sports Editor

His accomplishments are astounding, his determination unparalleled and his reliability inspiring, yet senior Gary Lumpkin still is not satisfied with his basketball career.

Over his four years at Xavier, Lumpkin has helped in elevating the program to a spot of national prominence and lifted the bar of what all fans now expect from Musketeer basketball.

To account for all of Lumpkin's achievements would be laborious, but their significance and magnitude show that Lumpkin is a winner in every sense of the word.

THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS

While at Xavier, Lumpkin has accomplished many great things at both the team and individual level.

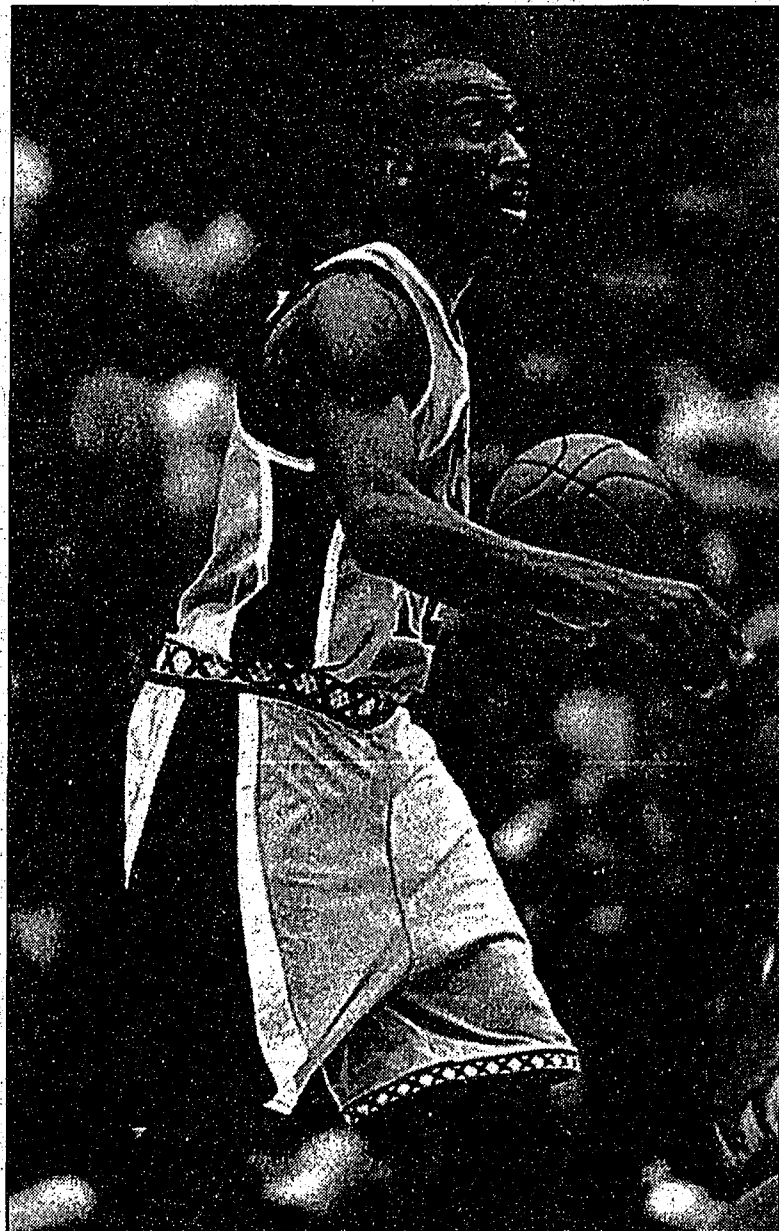
He led the Musketeers to their first-ever Atlantic 10 Tournament Championship last season and also has led the team to two West Division regular season crowns. In addition, he has been named to the all-conference and all-rookie teams. Statistically, Lumpkin has led the team in assists and scored in double figures during all three of his years at Xavier.

Add to this Lumpkin's prolific high school career in which he led William Penn to the 1994 state championship while becoming the school's all-time assist leader and second all-time leading scorer (1,430) and most would be ecstatic, but Lumpkin wants more.

The most awe-inspiring and crucial achievement Lumpkin has attained over his collegiate career has been his reliability. Dating from the 1995-96 season, the men's basketball team has played in 104 games and so has Lumpkin. He has started in 99 consecutive games, which is the longest streak of any current Musketeer.

THE SITUATION

With such a heralded basketball career, most would be satisfied, but not Lumpkin.



NEWSWIRE PHOTO BY BILL TERRY

Senior Gary Lumpkin has been the starting point guard in 99 straight games for the Musketeers.

With an eight-game winning streak and a 5-0 A-10 start, the best ever by Xavier, most would be satisfied, but not Lumpkin.

With a spot on top of the A-10 West Division and a 13-4 overall record, most would be satisfied, but not Lumpkin.

Lumpkin, along with the rest of the team, is happy with all they have accomplished this season and over the years, but he wants more — much more.

"The main thing is that we're not satisfied because we think that we can get better," said Lumpkin. "If

we win a game by 20, we think that we should have won by 40."

On Sunday, Lumpkin and the Musketeers defeated A-10 rival George Washington by 20 (81-61), and although Lumpkin was happy with the win and the team's performance, he was not satisfied.

"We did a lot of things wrong," said Lumpkin. "We are not out here to grind it out with teams. We expect to beat every team handedly."

The fact that Lumpkin is not satisfied with a 20-point victory over GW, who entered Sunday's game at 3-0 in the A-10, shows there is a

good chance that he will not be satisfied at any point during the season no matter what occurs.

Some key games remain, however, which could go a long way in making sure that Lumpkin is satisfied when the season is over and he walks away.

THE SWEETENER

The biggest regular season game in determining Lumpkin's and the team's satisfaction will occur one week from Thursday. This is the night the Musketeers travel across the city to take on Cincinnati in the annual Crosstown Shootout.

XU enters the game having won the previous two meetings, and a win would mean a 3-1 record for Lumpkin against the Bearcats during his career. Such a performance against the hated Bearcats would almost force the senior guard into a state of satisfaction.

Although the game is still more than a week away, its significance and the excitement it brings is already on the minds of the players and the fans of both teams.

After Sunday's victory over the Colonials, Lumpkin was asked about the big game. "We can't talk about that right now," said Lumpkin. "Coach would scold us."

When asked if he wanted to talk about the game, however, Lumpkin answered, "Yeah, I would love to."

THE SATISFACTION

Lumpkin, along with fellow seniors Lenny Brown and James Posey, want to end their four years at Xavier with something special. Back in the preseason, the senior trio set the season's goal as making it to the Final Four, with anything less resulting in disappointment.

With a Final Four appearance would Lumpkin finally be satisfied? Don't count on it.

What would it take for Lumpkin to walk away from his collegiate career satisfied?

"A win in the final game in March," said Lumpkin. "We'll take that and be satisfied."

Team chemistry results in success

BY MATT MADGES

Assistant Sports Editor

Senior Lenny Brown races up the court looking to capitalize on the fast break opportunity at hand. Brown is halted by a George Washington defender, but passes to fellow senior Gary Lumpkin instead of forcing the issue.

Lumpkin spots up for a three-pointer. He elevates and is ready to fire, but decides otherwise. Lumpkin dishes off to streaking senior James Posey along the sideline, who rises above the basket and ends the play with an emphatic dunk.

The fast break happened so quickly in Xavier's 81-61 victory over George Washington on Sunday that its significance was most likely overlooked. This play was much more telling and important than the two points it earned. The play exemplified how far the Musketeers have come over the past

month.

"I think that everyone is starting to buy into the team concept," said Posey. "We are just having fun out there."

In the first nine games of the season, the team chemistry that Xavier has traditionally been known for was missing. The Musketeer offense was more in the form of the

WEEKLY RECAP

XAVIER 62, ST. BONAVENTURE 57
HIGH POINTS (16):
 James Posey and Lenny Brown
HIGH REBOUNDS (9):
 James Posey
KEY STAT: Freshman Aaron Turner scored two points and grabbed four rebounds in 10 minutes of playing time in his collegiate debut.

XAVIER 81, GEORGE WASHINGTON 61
HIGH POINTS (20):
 James Posey
HIGH REBOUNDS (10):
 Kevin Frey
KEY STAT: Seniors Gary Lumpkin and Lenny Brown combined for 31 points, dished out nine assists and had three steals while committing just one turnover.

perceived guys who felt they had to do it all themselves and the inexperienced guys, who, at that point, were incapable of doing it," said coach Skip Prosser.

This was exemplified by having only two or three players scoring in double figures per game, compared to the four or five double-figure scorers Xavier had been accustomed to in the past.

This has changed over the past eight games, however, as was most evident in Sunday's performance against GW. Posey led the way with 20 points and was followed by Lumpkin (18), freshman Kevin Frey (14) and Brown (13).

"We are definitely a different team," said Lumpkin. "Nobody cares who gets the credit. Everyone knows their role and does it to the best of their ability. We are more focused mentally with better team chemistry."

NBA All-Star Game than a team-oriented and balanced attack.

During these early games, the team appeared confused as to what each individual member was supposed to do. This caused some to try to do too much individually while forgetting about the other four guys on the court.

"That was a function of the ex-

Men's basketball: around the A-10

BY JOE ANGOLIA

Sports Writer

With George Washington falling to Xavier this past week 81-61, the lone undefeated teams in Atlantic 10 conference play are division leaders Temple and Xavier, both at 5-0.

Some star players stepped up for their teams this week and put up big numbers.

The biggest performance might have come from the A-10's smallest star. Shawnta Rogers, who stands a meager 5'4", scored a career-high 36 points in the Colonials' 81-69 win over Dayton, to go along with five steals and five assists.

Rogers, Co-Player of the Week, was 12-of-24 from the line, including 6-of-8 from three-point range and 6-of-10 from the foul line. His six three-pointers set a Smith Center record.

Sanchez, the A-10's leader in assists-to-turnover ratio, recorded 19 assists and just two turnovers over two Temple wins. In a 62-47 win over St. Joseph's, Sanchez came away with eight points, eight rebounds, 10 assists and two steals. Against Rhode Island, Sanchez nearly put together a double-double. He recorded nine points, nine assists and six steals.

Rookie of the Week honors went to one of the A-10's most promising players, Rhode Island forward Lamar Odom. Odom shined as the

STANDINGS

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1. Temple	5-0 11-6
2. UMass	3-1 7-8
3. St. Joseph's	3-2 9-7
4. Rhode Island	2-2 9-8
5. St. Bonaventure	2-3 7-9
6. Fordham	0-5 6-8
WEST	A-10 Overall
1. Xavier	5-0 13-4
2. G. Washington	3-1 9-5
3. La Salle	3-2 7-8
4. Dayton	2-3 7-8
5. Duquesne	0-4 4-10
Virginia Tech	0-5 5-9

through Jan. 17

Rams went 2-1 this past week. He averaged 17 points per game, and eight rebounds per game. He tied a career high with his 26 point performance against Dayton. Odom added 11 rebounds in the winning effort.

The honor was Odom's fifth of the year, and rightfully so. Odom leads URI in scoring (15.8 ppg), rebounding (8.9 rpg), field goal percentage (.492), assists (3.9 apg) and blocks (1.5 bpg).

Speaking of Rogers, the Colonial's point guard is currently leading the A-10 in three impressive categories; scoring (20.3 ppg), assists (7.4 apg) and steals (3.7 spg). Should Rogers keep up this pace, he will be the first player to ever lead the Atlantic 10 in those three

categories. Rogers' 284 points and 103 assists this year account for nearly 44 percent of the Colonial's A-10 leading 79.1 ppg.

Check this out. Not only was Dayton unable to shut down Shawnta Rogers (36 points) in its 81-69 loss on January 14, but the Flyers were practically beaten by a trio of Colonials. Mike King and Yegor Mescherlakov (22 and 15 points respectively) combined with Rogers to score all but 8 of the Colonials' 81 points.

In the case of UMass vs. Kansas, practice definitely makes perfect. With the Minutemen suffering three consecutive losses to the Jayhawks, including a 73-71 loss last year, one could assume that the Minutemen were due for some redemption. It came on Jan. 16, with No. 15 Kansas falling to struggling UMass, 64-60.

Temple coach John Chaney needs just seven more wins to become the school's all-time winningest coach. Chaney is 347-155 in his 17th year at Temple, compared to the school's leader, Hall of Famer Harry Litwack, who was 373-193 in his 21 year career.

Rhode Island senior Preston Murphy scored a career-high 26 points in a 76-63 loss at Temple on Jan. 16, and averaged 16.3 ppg over the week. However, the most compelling stat was Murphy's shooting. He nailed 17 of 27 (.630) from the



Temple's Pepe Sanchez was the A-10 Co-Player of the Week.

field, all on outside jumpers; not a single dunk or lay-up in the group. Murphy also became the Rams' 46th player in school history to reach the 1,000 career point plateau.

Duquesne's Wayne Smith ranks 11th in the nation among freshman

scorers with his 16.1 ppg average. He also leads the Dukes in rebounding (6.4 rpg) and steals (2.0 spg).

Game of the Week — UMass hits the road to take on the Temple Owls on Jan. 23. The game will be televised on ESPN.

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Blues thunder

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Tickets range from \$28 to \$40, depending on day and seat location. Unreserved tickets are half-price when purchased the day of the show between 11 a.m. and 5 p.m. at the Playhouse.

Four "Meet the Artists" programs will follow selected performances on Sunday, Jan. 24, Wednesday, Jan. 27, Sunday, Feb. 7 and Thursday, Feb. 11.

A gourmet buffet dinner will be offered before each evening performance at the Playhouse. Reservations must be made at least 24 hours in advance. The cost of the buffet is \$21.

For tickets or more information, call the Playhouse box office at 421-3888. Complete information is available on the web at www.cincyplay.com.

Sheet happens

The Attic Gallery of Southgate House will present "Oh Sheet! Show of Works On Paper," from Jan. 21 until March 1. Regular show hours are from 1-5 p.m.

The opening reception will be on Jan. 21 from 7:30 p.m. to midnight. Also featured at the opening is the live bass guitar music of Mike Georgian. Admission is free and refreshments will be served.

The show features an exhibition of works on paper: calligraphy, origami, paintings, photography, artists' books and hand made papes.

Featured artists include: Ken Buck, Beth Hilton, Tom & Julie Judge, Stephen Kusan, Bob Reeves, Brad Smith, Barbara Shoenberger, John Steele, Milt O'Dell, Tom Mitts and many more.

For more information, call Fabienne Christenson at 321-2967.

For a show preview, visit <http://come.to/theatticgallery>.

Love and food

The Cincinnati premiere of *Love and Time* will be presented on Sunday, Jan. 24 at the York Street Café.

A pre-performance dinner will include pasta primavera, soup or salad, dessert and a beverage. Dinner and performance tickets are \$20, and tickets for the performance alone are \$9. Dinner service begins at 5 p.m. and the performance begins at 6:30 p.m. Seating is limited, and reservations are encouraged.

For reservations or more information, call Dance Projects at 681-5911.

Energetic 'Footloose' comes to Cincy

FLAWLESS PERFORMANCE, EXCITING CAST IN BROADWAY VERSION OF 1984 KEVIN BACON FILM

BY AARON BREFORD
Diversions Writer

One of the hottest shows on Broadway right now is the hit musical, "Footloose," based on the 1980s Kevin Bacon movie of the same title.

We now have the opportunity to see this production at the Aronoff Center courtesy of the Fifth-Third Bank Broadway Series.

The show juxtaposes a Chicago teen dance club junkie against the backdrop of life in a small Southern town where dancing has been pronounced illegal by the local preacher and his cronies.

Ren McCormack (Joe Machota) and his mother (Marsha Waterbury) are forced to leave their home in Chicago after his father abandons them. They move in with Ren's uncle in a small southern town.

Ren is misunderstood, mistreated and miserable until he meets the preacher's daughter, Ariel (Niki Scalera). He soon teams up with her and his only friend in town, Willard

Hewitt (Christian Borle), the quintessential redneck, and they decide to throw a senior dance.

From start to finish, the cast engages the audience with an infectious energy.

The production was technically flawless and musically exciting. The choreography was flashy and fun, particularly when the entire cast transforms a PE class into a gymnastic basketball dance-off.

I would have liked to have seen Scalera dance more as Ariel. She was conspicuously absent from some of the flashier dance numbers and she and Machota, a fine dancer, did not take the stage together in the finale.

A show with the title "Footloose" seems to demand that the leading lady cut loose.

Scalera, however, had a beautiful singing voice and a perfect look



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The cast of the Broadway production of "Footloose" stands in line for a round of snack-packs on student appreciation day.

for the role. It would have been nice to have seen a stronger chemistry between her and Machota.

Many of us may have grown up watching Kevin Bacon do battle with John Lithgow in the movie "Footloose." As a part of our pop culture, this production has all the

nostalgic qualities while defining its own identity.

So if you want to have a stroll down memory lane and at the same time be highly entertained, get down to the Aronoff Center this weekend to see "Footloose."

'Dreams' scores big, 'Blues' drops ball

SOMETIMES HIGH SCHOOL CAN BE MORE OF A NIGHTMARE THAN A SERIAL KILLER

BY NATHAN DUKE
Diversions Writer

Claire Cooper's life is a nightmare, literally. Her marriage is in trouble, her daughter is missing, and she's sharing dreams with a man whom she believes is responsible for the disappearance of several young girls, including her daughter. To make matters worse, Claire (Annette Bening) attempts suicide after finding out her daughter drowned, forcing her husband



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Annette Bening in "In Dreams"

to place her in an institution. As her nightmares continue, she decides to follow their clues, so that she may discover the identity of the man in her dreams.

Director Neil Jordan knows how to keep his audience on the edge of their seats. In several of his previous films, Jordan used sublime imagery as a stylistic signature. "In Dreams" is filled with such imagery: nursery rhymes written in blood, old abandoned houses, a nightmarish apple orchard and frightening flashbacks of the murderer's childhood.

Unlike recent slasher films such as "Urban Legend," Jordan's film relies more on imagery and atmosphere, rather than a large body count, to keep his film frightening.

While the film's plot may be questioned for originality ("Don't Look Now," a 1973 horror film, is about a parent who develops a psychological bond with her murdered daughter after she is drowned), Jordan compensates by keeping his film's tension on a psychological level, rather than a physical one.

Eventually, Jordan loses control of the film, building up to a somewhat disappointing conclusion. The entirety of the film, however, is too effective to dismiss it as a typical horror movie. (★★★)

Even more frightening than the imagery and flashbacks of Neil Jordan's "In Dreams" is the fact that James Van der Beek, star of television's "Dawson's Creek," chose Brian Robbins' "Varsity Blues" as his screen debut.

Van der Beek plays John Moxon, an overlooked high school quarterback that spends most of his time on the bench reading Kurt Vonnegut. When the star quarterback is injured in a game, Moxon sees his chance to impress his fanatical father as well as take a stand against the teams' tyrannical coach, Bud Kilmer (Jon Voight).

The rest of the movie, as most films of this sort go, leads up to the "big game," prompting the viewer to pose such questions as "Will Moxon lead the team to a winning season?" and "Will the team stand up to the hated coach?"

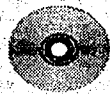


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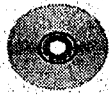
Amy Smart and James Van der Beek in "Varsity Blues"

Set in a high school that makes 90210 seem realistic, Robbins' film makes high school athletes appear to be hormonally-driven teenagers who spend their spare time getting drunk and stealing police cars.

Although Moxon's team has a winning season, making all this crapulousness permissible, "Varsity Blues" fumbles. (★)



New Releases



The following are due for release on Jan. 19 ...

Various Artists, *Holding Up Half the Sky: Voices of Asian Women* (Shanachie) ... Count Bass-D, *Art For Sale* (Spongebath) ... Ani DiFranco, *Up Up Up Up Up Up* (Righteous Babe) ... Druha Taya, *Czechmate* [Czech bluegrass] (Compass) ... John Brown's Body, *Among Them* (Shanachie) ... Lo Fidelity All Stars, *How to Operate with a Blown Mind* (Columbia) ... Seaweed, *Actions and Indications* (Touch and Go) ... Vangelis, *El Greco* (Atlantic) ...

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Monday, Jan. 25
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Wednesday, Jan. 27
Vanilla Ice
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and Spineshank
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- FILM REVIEWS -

Malick's creation walks a 'Thin Red Line'

20TH CENTURY FOX'S WWII MOVIE MAY BE CRITICALLY ACCLAIMED OR IGNORED BY THE MASSES

BY JONATHAN MOSKO

Assistant Diversions Editor

Last summer, two movies were released that dealt with basically the same subject. Both "Armageddon" and "Deep Impact" told the story of our tiny planet threatened by a giant rock from outer space. While "Armageddon" was the huge blockbuster, "Deep Impact" took a backseat, relegated to minor obscurity.

The same summer, "Saving Private Ryan" hit the silver screen. This World War II drama was hailed by critics, loved by fans and honored with awards. This winter, another WWII drama, "The Thin Red Line," is being released by 20th Century Fox.

Like poor "Deep Impact," it may very well play second fiddle to Spielberg's epic. The sad part is it really shouldn't.

"The Thin Red Line," directed by Terrence Malick, tells a story of WWII on the other side of the world, the Pacific theater — more specifically, the battle for Guadalcanal. The taking of this island was crucial to turning the tide in the Pacific.

While it is not as brutally graphic as "Private Ryan," "The Thin Red Line" will still turn the stomachs of the faint.

Instead, Malick's film focuses

on the battle that goes on in the minds of men who are charged by their country to slaughter other men in war.

This movie doesn't pit dashing American warriors against cartoonish Japanese soldiers, either. Instead, dirty, scared American soldiers battle to the death with dirty, scared Japanese soldiers.

While some other movies may portray the enemy as faceless vermin to be wiped out, this one points out the fear and pain in the eyes of a dying Japanese prisoner — one can't ignore the humanity of the enemy.

Much of the movie's dramatic dialogue is present by virtue of the introspective voice-overs of Pvt. Witt (Jim Caviezel). Witt is an unwilling but duty-bound soldier who only wants to get home but risks his life daily for his "C" company brothers.

His wonderings echo the thoughts of viewers who, 55 years earlier, witnessed the horrors of war firsthand. In the middle of a nightmarish attack on a Japanese camp, Witt wonders "Where does this evil come from?" His question referred as much to his own comrades as their enemy.

While the abundant voice-overs might be annoying in another movie, it is excusable here because

men who are fighting and dying for their country generally don't have a lot of time to discuss philosophical matters.

This movie gets its name from an old midwestern saying that "there's only a thin red line between the sane and the mad," and it drives home again and again the madness and insanity behind warfare.

Nick Nolte plays the dominating Col. Tall, who is driven by his desire to push his men to the breaking point in order to achieve their objective.

As he dispenses orders to the cautious Capt. Staros (Elias Koteas), it seems the "men" are no longer men, but more like machines, expendable tools in his quest for glory.

Sean Penn is dynamic as 1st Sgt. Edward Walsh, the man who runs "C" company. Penn adds a worldly perspective to Caviezel's idealistic reflections.

Featured in "The Thin Red Line" is a star-studded variety of other famous actors, like George Clooney as Capt. Bosche, John Travolta as Brig. Gen. Quintard and John



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Ben Chaplin (Pvt. Bell), John Cusack (Capt. Gaff) and Jim Caviezel (Pvt. Witt), left to right, are a few of the many stars of "The Thin Red Line," a film about the minds of men at war.

Cusack as Capt. Gaff. However, these actors are sparsely employed, and might have made a better movie had all their acting talents been used.

If Clooney or Cusack had been given a more prominent role in the film, it could have been even better.

What is both fortunate and unfortunate is that "The Thin Red Line" is not, and does not pretend to be, the mainstream blockbuster

that "Saving Private Ryan" was. It's definitely not a movie for everyone. Because of this, a lot of people probably won't like it. Still, the film is a powerful, thoughtful, moving look at a side of WWII that Malick brought back to life.

If you want to slip inside the mind of young men at war with a relentless enemy and a fading set of ideals, "The Thin Red Line" is definitely worth a look.

Word on new Star Trek flick: set phasers on yawn

FLIMSY STORY, POOR SPECIAL EFFECTS MAKE FOR AN UNSATISFYING ADDITION TO THE STAR TREK SERIES

BY DAN GALLAGHER

Diversions Writer

If poor Gene Rodenberry hadn't been cremated, he would be rolling in his proverbial grave with last month's release of "Star Trek: Insurrection."

Trekkie fans going to see this latest edition to the film series are treated to one of the worst science-fiction films of the decade (a low, low place indeed in entertainment history, considering that this last summer alone gave us both "Armageddon" and "Godzilla").

"Insurrection" finds Capt. Jean-Luc Picard (Patrick Stewart) and the crew of the Enterprise discovering the So'na, a benevolent, socialistic alien race of simple farmers. Because their untouched planet is circumscribed by nebulous rings which constantly regenerate the genes of all the life below, the globe becomes a genetic fountain of youth.

Their rustic, Marxist utopia, however, is being threatened by a Federation conspiracy to relocate the So'na and harness the power of the rings with the help of the savage Ba'ku race, the only people with the technology to analyze the genetic regeneration that the rings induce.

Of course, it's up to Picard and the crew to step in and defend the socialist underdogs before both they and the rings are sucked off the planet by the Ba'ku's collector ship.

The concept isn't all that bad, but the script is so overtly didactic that

Picard is forced to recite over and over lines like, "Some of the darkest chapters in human history have come from the forced relocation of a minority to satisfy the will of a powerful majority. I hope that the Federation should have learned something by now." I haven't seen a political message worked into a movie so poorly since "Volcano" tried to pawn itself off as a film about race relations.

The film is also filled with horrible running jokes that make the audience actually embarrassed for the actors who execute them. For starters, there's a joke about Lt. Worf (Michael Dorn) going through middle-aged Klingon puberty and getting a big Klingon pimple, much to his Klingon chagrin. Dr. Crusher also jokes about how the planet's genetic rings have made her middle aged boobs really firm-up — much to the audience's chagrin.

Finally, there is an entire cheesy sub-plot about Data learning from a So'na child what it's like to be a kid.

Our denouement finds the usually serious Data romping in the haystacks with So'na children and playing the old, "Hey, what's that on your tie?" trick on Lt. Riker, giving the entire crew a hearty, Scooby Doo, roll-the-credits last laugh. Oh Data, you big tease!

The only redeeming value that such a waste of time might possibly possess would be good special effects, but alas, "Insurrection" is bereft of even that last fallback:

George Lucas' Industrial Lights and Magic, who executed the special effects for almost every other Trek movie, was too busy working on the new Star Wars adventure, leading Paramount to choose another effects company with absolutely no skills whatsoever.

For example, the film opens with a chase scene where Data escapes Federation captors while still in his "invisibility suit." When Data pops off his invisibility helmet, the mystified So'na are confronted with his android head floating bodiless in the air, unable to understand that they are all trapped inside a thoroughly unconvincing blue-screen splice.

Meanwhile, Federation observers yell, "Apprehend the android!" to more "invisible" aluminum foil garbed officers. Think Mighty-Morphin Power Rangers here, and you begin to get a sense of how bad these effects are.

I could go on, but I won't. Suffice it to say that "Insurrection" is easily one of the worst written, worst acted, worst executed Star Trek movies I have ever seen.

The strength of Kirk's original crew was they could perform superb morality plays that reflected the global concerns of the Cold War era — rent the crew's last movie, "The Undiscovered Country" if you don't believe me.

The strength of Picard's generation lies in their analytical detective skills. In the TV show, Picard routinely took on extremely challeng-



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Donna Murphy (left) and Patrick Stewart (right) star in "Star Trek: Insurrection." Captain Picard (Stewart) is forced to choose between disobeying a direct order or violating both Starfleet directives and his own principles of honor.

ing, often deep intellectual puzzles.

If the Next Generation would make a film about Q, they would easily produce the best Trek movie ever. Instead, the genre's recent films all rely on flat humor and a constant stream of new alien races to divert trekkies.

Along with the "DOA Deep

Space Nine" and "Star Trek Voyager," "Insurrection" conclusively proves that the Star Trek universe has creatively dried up.

Star Trek, I'm afraid, is in desperate need of new screenwriting blood.

— IN YOUR EAR —



Paul Oakenfold
Tranceport
(Reprise)

I've generally never been a fan of dance music. One can then imagine how sublimely happy I was when the task fell upon me to review Paul Oakenfold's CD of "progressive trance/house music."

Oakenfold is an award-winning deejay in England, known for exposing American hip-hop, like Salt 'n' Pepa and Will Smith, to the U.K. He also heads his own record label, Perfecto Records.

Recently, the American label Reprise gave him a shot. Enter *Tranceport*, Oakenfold's U.S. debut.

Despite my misgivings, I was pleasantly surprised when I got down to listening to it. This CD flows, winding and pulsating, sometimes sweetly melodic, other times spastically out of control. It has echoes of bands like Prodigy and The Crystal Method, but has a style all its own.

It's kind of like going to The Warehouse, but without all the cross-dressing.

Tranceport is a collection of Oakenfold mixes of groups from both sides of the Atlantic. Chances are you've never heard of some of these artists, this anthology being graced with such names as Three Drives On A Vinyl, Gus Gus and Binary Finary.

It doesn't matter, though, because if you like dancing to the techno-house beats of today, you'll never forget them.

The melodies include spacey tunes, like track number five, "Someone," courtesy of the U.K. band Ascension. The combination of classic piano, synthetic strings and house beats bring a unique flavor to this eclectic collection.

Overall, though, a strong electric synthetic influence can be felt, prevalent in tracks like "Enervate" and "El Niño," which have taken dance clubs in England by storm.

I won't go as far as to say that I've been converted, but this is a quality CD.

If you like nothing better than bouncing around in a club all night or letting your hair down, let Oakenfold "tranceport" you to his world.

— Jonathan Mosko,
Asst. Divisions Editor



The Black Crowes
By Your Side
(Columbia)

The question one ponders after listening to *By Your Side*, the latest release from The Black Crowes: How many songs can be written about the same subjects?

Often, there are new twists placed on timeless ideas, but *By Your Side* sounds as if the group just reworked music around recycled ideas. ("Diamond Ring" deals with marriage, "By Your Side" is about friendship and love, etc.)

This technique works for some bands, but here, it doesn't. The disc offers a mixture of clichéd lyrics, gospel vocals and a foundation of electric guitars to create a train wreck of sound.

"Go Faster" and "Kickin' My Heart Around" offer a strong beginning to the disc, and the latter possesses an infectious refrain and guitar line not easily shaken from the mind.

However, the work begins to

unravel at this point as the gospel vocals are added. When the vocals are understated, as in the title track, they add a nice effect to lead singer Chris Robinson's sound.

Unfortunately, on "HorseHead," a mistake of a song to begin with, Rich Robinson's "smooth" southern guitar doesn't mix with the gospel sound.

I believe the proper choice in this instance would have been to save it for an album of b-sides or forget the song happened all together.

Perhaps The Black Crowes aren't looking to make much sense in their songs this time. "Only a Fool" adds a few horns, courtesy of The Dirty Dozen, while the lyrics scream for a country singer: "You are my lover, my song, my best friend / I don't want this to ever end." This tired sentiment has been properly abused in several songs throughout music history.

As all songs start to blend together on the disc, the Crowes offer a couple songs which fall a few production sessions short of sounding good.

"Welcome to the Goodtimes" is promising at the beginning, complete with soft jingle bells and powerful vocals as well as a horn solo. However, the music grows into a mess of drums, horns, vocals and probably several pots and pans being banged in the background. (If they are, I'm sure it couldn't hurt.)

Seemingly, the same thing happens on the next track: "Go Tell

the Congregation." From the title, it shouldn't be hard to tell there were gospel vocals crowding this song as well.

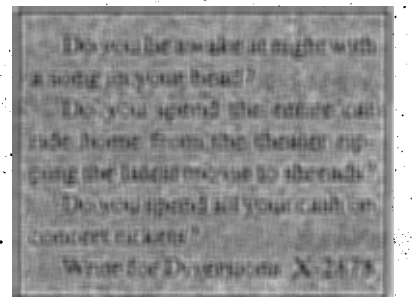
In actuality, The Black Crowes achieve several wonderful moments on the disc. Chris Robinson's voice contains the perfect amount of soul to inject emotion into the often weak lyrics.

Fans of the group will recognize a lot of similarities between this disc and their earlier work, particularly in the songs "Go Faster" and "She Said My Name."

The latter offers the most satisfying softening of sound as piano and drums frame the lyrics: "Offer me a melody / Pour a cup of wine / Spill your deepest memory / And someday you'll be fine." But alas, the music fails to stay at this level.

The end of the disc is emblematic of the effort as a whole. The final song fades into a piano solo, which is nice, but it doesn't really fit the rest of the disc. Fans of the band will enjoy a lot of the material, but some things just don't fit.

— Adam Ziemkiewicz,
Divisions Writer

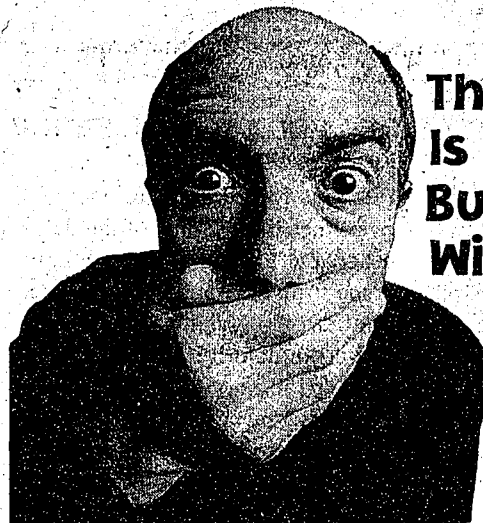


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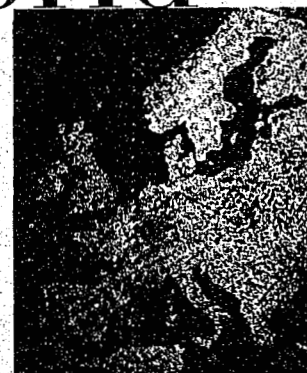
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January 20

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The fiscal calendar week just doesn't get off to a good start until the **International Coffee Hour** gets a mention. Get your weekly fix at the Romero International Center from **3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.** Go, my child, and give your proverbial horizons a good stretch.

I know, I know. The stress of getting back to classes after the decadence of a three-day weekend is just too darn frustrating. How about a **road trip**? 'Nothin' says par-tay like a jaunt to New York for the men's basketball game versus Fordham. And if you're feeling especially frisky, you could try the **body-cavity** method of crack storage in case you get pulled over on the way. Merely a suggestion, though.

If that kind of thing really isn't your bag, baby, then perhaps you could venture to the **City Beat listening party**. Here you can partake of such musical treats as the Black Crowes and PushMonkey, but no touchy! Only listen. The listening party takes place from **9 p.m. until 10 p.m.**, after which event organizers implore you to stay and watch "South Park," at which time you can listen for subliminal messages from 'neath Kenny's hood. The festivities are being held at Holy Grail. I have no idea what that is, but if you meet an old guy guarding a bridge on your way there, just remember the capital of **Australia** is Canberra.

THURSDAY

January 21

Don't fret, fellow students, there is only one more day of academic **drudgery** (after this one) and then comes the almighty weekend. These are the blessed hours when you can sleep, do

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jumping jacks, rake leaves, pull appendages off of daddy-long-legs if any are still alive, and that's it. Oh, and smoke more crack. But that's all. Nothing else.

No doubt you've seen the quasi- "Sports Center" commercial featuring **Dan Patrick** extolling the virtues of Gold Star Chili and Time-Warner Cable for the Crosstown Shootout. After seeing that masterpiece, you're so fired up that you want to scream and thump your chest and throw your roommate's cat across the room. Well, slow down there, **chief**. Turn your vigor into something more productive. Yes, it's time for the second annual **Crosstown Shout-Out**, the public speaking contest which pits XU students versus those vermin from UC, clause for clause, thesis for thesis, and stutter for stutter to the death. Maybe not to the death, but first prize is \$500. The preliminary round is today in Alter 110 at **3 p.m.**, so let the public school booty-whomping begin.

Those of you averse to culture not of the petri dish kind should turn your heads at this point. The **Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra** performs tonight at **7:30 p.m.** and features clarinetist **Eddie Daniels**. Man, can that guy wail. Music Hall is the venue of tonight's show, so go see this beautiful building with a new eye. You know, not like during Fall Ball when you were under the influence of **Robitussin** or some other mind-amending substance.

FRIDAY

January 22

Isn't it a big pain in the appendix to have to take those blasted buses to men's home basketball games? It won't be much longer that we have to suffer at the hands of the Cincinnati Gardens and its long-standing regime, but instead of complaining, head to Schmidt Fieldhouse for today's **women's match**. The Lady Muskies will

butt heads with those raging Lady Rams (so shouldn't they be the Ewes?) of Rhode Island. The tip-off is at **7 p.m.**

"I really wish I could do some bassing soon. Or maybe a little bow-huntin'." Have you ever said this or something like it in your life? Did all the kids in your high school get a day off on the first day of deer season? If you answered "yep," or even "**Sweet mother**, do those people really exist?" let me suggest a trek to the Convention Center for the 1999 Cincinnati **Travel, Sports and Boat Show**. You'll find all kinds of guns, bows, animals, guns, small children, boats, guns, and oh, yes, a golf exhibition. There's even a BB gun shooting range courtesy of our friends at the **NRA**. The price is \$7.50 for adults, but get a two-day pass for only \$13. That's a huge savings of \$2. The show, nay, dare I say it, the **extravaganza**, ends on Sunday, so you'd best get on your horse for this one.

SATURDAY

January 23

OK, "Bonnie's" I can somewhat understand, what with the school being named "St. Bonaventure." But "Hokies?" There is absolutely no excuse for that obscure of a nickname. What in the name of Dick Vitale is a "hokie?" Is it some Virginia thing I don't know about? Maybe you can find out, since **Virginia Tech** is in town today to take on the men's basketball team. The game, which starts at **4 p.m.**, is Alumni Night, which means there will be a bazillion chanting, glory-days reliving, crack-smoking former Musketeers on hand to liven things up. Sounds like a great big ball of hokie to me.

How does a trip to Kentucky sound? Exotic and exciting? Thought so. If you're up to this magnitude of adventure, Coyote's is featuring **Rodney Carrington** tonight. If that name sounds fa-

miliar, it's because he is a frequent guest on the "Bob & Tom" syndicated morning radio show. He sings satirical ditties, he tells amusing and probably outrageous stories, and plus, he's irreverent. He's even billed as "the funniest thing under a cowboy hat." The opening act goes on at **8:30 p.m.**, but if you want to skip the boring stuff, Rodney is scheduled to appear at **10 p.m.**

SUNDAY

January 24

Shake off the crack sleepies as best you can this morning, because the **women's basketball** team hits the floor for a home matinee this afternoon. Today's foe is the Lady Minutemen of Massachusetts. Minuteladies? Minutewomen? Minutemaids? Whatever they're called, the game gets underway at **2 p.m.**

So, you just went to see "Shakespeare in Love" and now you can't help thinking what a fox that Will was. Where has he been all your life? Continue this bout of infatuation this afternoon at the last day of the Cincinnati Shakespeare Festival. At **2 p.m.** the company will present for your pleasure a production of "**The Wars of the Roses**." Doesn't ring a bell as one of Bill's greats? That's because it's not really his. It's an adaptation of **Henry VI**, by company member R. Chris Reeder. (The "R" stands for "Rutabaga.") Tickets are available at a pittance, merely \$10-\$13. Go downtown to 719 Race St. to satisfy all of your bardly urges.

MONDAY

January 25

Quick review from Thursday: Crosstown Shout-Out, speech contest, Us vs. Them. Those who survived the preliminary round now venture into no-man's land, that den of debauchery known as

the University of Cincinnati, more specifically the Annie Laws Drawing Room. (By the way, the "drawing room" of English homes was so named because after supper, the gentlemen would go and play cards and drink brandy while the ladies would "withdraw" to the parlour to chat.) Here they will compete in the **final round** with their speeches on the fiery topic "Which undergrad institutions provide a better education — private or public?" Some crazy **hokie** could arise from this debate.

You've worked every job from McDonald's cashier to summer intern to ice-cream truck-driving crack dealer, and now you want help letting your hypothetical future employers know about it. Not to worry, help is here today in the Regis (Philbin) Room in the University Center. The **résumé writing workshop** takes place here at **1:30 p.m.** The wizards there can make anyone look good, even if the only job you've held was babysitting the neighbor's gerbil.

You can make strangers feel comfortable around you. You love to meet new people. Perhaps you just like to **scream** or enjoy being an idiot in front of 750 people. If any of this applies to you, go to the Student Services hallway today and pick up an application for the 1999 **Manresa orientation team**.

TUESDAY

January 26

WVXU is quite a perplexing little entity. Seeing as how our initials comprise one-half of the station's name, one would assume our university would have a large part in the station's funding, programming, or maybe production. Something tells me, however, this is not necessarily the case. Regardless, **91.7 FM** is presenting the documentary "The Mississippi River of Song: Sounds Around St. Louis" tonight for your listening enjoyment from **7 p.m. to 8 p.m.** I have no idea what this entails, so go grab a Show-Me friend and maybe she'll explain.

The crack jokes are hard to come by. Maybe I'll research **smack** next week.

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